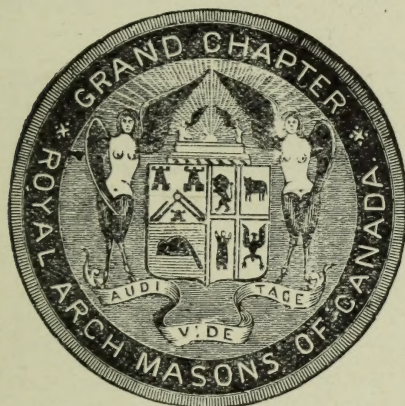


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OF THE
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF CANADA

At the Forty-Eighth Annual Convocation

1906



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HELD IN
THE MASONIC HALL, TEMPLE BUILDING,
CITY OF TORONTO, ONT.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH, A. D. 1906
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WILLIAM ROAF, K.C., Toronto,
Grand Z.

GEORGE J. BENNETT, Toronto,
Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA

PROCEEDINGS.

AT THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA, HELD IN THE MASONIC HALL, TEMPLE BUILDING, CITY OF TORONTO, ON WEDNESDAY, THE 24TH JANUARY, A.I. 2436, A.D. 1906.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp.	William Roaf.....	Grand Z.	} Grand Council.
R. " "	John Leslie.....	Grand H.	
R. " "	George Moore.....	Grand J.	
R. " "	Geo. J. Bennett.....	Grand Scribe E.	
R. " "	Geo. K. Clemens.....	Grand Scribe N.	
M. " "	Hugh Murray.....	Grand Treasurer.	
R. " "	F. W. Harcourt.....	Grand Principal Sojourner.	
R. " "	W. A. Wilson.....	Grand Registrar.	
V. " "	Alfred Webb, M.D....	Grand Senior Sojourner.	
V. " "	Jas. G. Boyce	Grand Junior Sojourner.	
R. " "	Jas. B. Nixon.....	Grand Lecturer.	
" "	W. C. Pollock.....	as Grand Sword Bearer.	
V. " "	Thos. Dowell.....	as Grand Master 1st Veil.	
V. " "	H. Wellbanks.....	as Grand Master 2nd Veil.	
V. " "	Fred Staunton.....	Grand Master 3rd Veil.	
V. " "	A. Fisher.....	as Grand Master 4th Veil.	
V. " "	R. Lipsit.....	as Grand Standard Bearer.	
V. " "	C. A. Matthews.....	as Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.	
" "	E. C. Davies.....	as Grand Organist.	
V. " "	D. A. Clark, M.D....	Grand Pursuivant.	
V. " "	Thos. J. O'Neill.....	Grand Steward.	
V. " "	R. A. Rastall.....	Grand Steward.	
" "	Fred Prince.....	as Grand Steward.	
V. " "	W. A. Lyon.....	Grand Steward.	
V. " "	R. F. White.....	Grand Steward.	
" "	A. E. Till.....	as Grand Steward.	
" "	A. W. Peene.....	as Grand Steward.	
" "	R. E. Wright.	as Grand Steward.	

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R. E. Comp.	Geo. W. Moody.....	St. Clair	Dist.	No.	1
" "	R. W. Evans.....	London	" "	"	2
" "	James Smiley.....	Wilson	" "	"	3
" "	Wm. Oelschlager.....	Wellington	" "	"	4

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.—Continued.

R. E. Comp.	W. H. Robinson.....	Hamilton	Dist. No.	5
" "	David Ross.....	Niagara	" "	7
" "	R. J. Gibson.....	Toronto	" "	8
" "	J. T. Lovell.....	Georgian	" "	9
" "	R. L. Huggard.....	Ontario	" "	10
" "	R. H. Spencer.....	Prince Edwd.	" "	11
" "	W. Allison Logan.....	St. Lawrence	" "	12
" "	Jno. L. Culbert.....	Ottawa	" "	13
" "	Chris. R. Reid.....	Algoma	" "	14
" "	S. C. Sykes.....	Brit. Columbia	" "	16

R. E. Comp. J. Earl Halliwell, from the Committee on Credentials of representatives reported that "there are 122 warranted Chapters and 2 under dispensation, of which 92 are represented by the following Companions:

No. 1. *Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, Kingston.*

E. Comps. A. Malone, P.H., Geo. Somerville; R.E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch; M.E. Comp. A. Shaw, P.Z's.

No. 2. *The Hiram, Hamilton.*

E. Comps. A. G. Bain, Z.; R. Gibson, A. W. Peene; V.E. Comp. F. Staunton; R.E. Comps. Fred Walter, T. M. Davis, George Moore, P'Z's.

No. 3. *St. John's, London.*

E. Comps. John Graham, Donald Fraser; R. E. Comps. A. E. Cooper, Oliver Ellwood, P.Z's.

No. 4. *St. Andrew's and St. John's, Toronto.*

E. Comps. R. W. Clewlo, Jas. Glanville, H. S. King, W. H. Blight; V.E. Comps. Chas. A. Matthews, Jas. G. Boyce; R. E. Comps. W. Simpson, H. T. Smith, P.Z's.

No. 5. *St. George's, London.*

E. Comps, U. A. Buchner, A. G. Stephens; R.E. Comps. W. A. Wilson, R. W. Evans, P.Z's.

No. 6. *St. John's, Hamilton.*

E. Comps. A. T. Freed, Z.; D. Ross; R.E. Comps. W. Birrell, W. J. McAllister; M.E. Comps. W. Gibson, W. G. Reid, Hugh Murray, P.Z's.

No. 7. *The Moira, Belleville.*

R. E. Comp. W. Webster, P.Z.

- No. 8. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
E. Comps. H. M. Poulton, H.; Malcolm Gibbs, P.H.; Joseph Doust, Z.; W. Stinson, A. W. Johnson, S. Wilkinson; V.E. Comp. W. A. Lyon; R. E. Comps. Alex. Patterson, J. B. Nixon; M.E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, P.Z's.
- No. 15. *Wawanosh, Sarnia.*
E. Comp. G. S. Mitten, Z.
- No. 16. *Carleton, Ottawa.*
R.E. Comp. J. L. Culbert, P.Z.
- No. 18. *Oxford, Woodstock.*
E. Comp. Geo. H. Cheyne, P.Z.
- No. 19. *Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.*
E. Comp. S. P. Gourlay, P.Z.
- No. 20. *Mount Horeb, Brantford.*
V.E. Comp. R. A. Rastell; R. E. Comp. J.H.Spence, P.Z's
- No. 22. *Grenville, Prescott.*
E. Comp. F. W. Elliott; R. E. Comp. W. A. Logan, P.Z's
- No. 23. *Ezra, Simcoe.*
E. Comp. W. M. McGuire, Z.; R.E. Comp. J. G. Bottomley, P.Z.
- No. 26. *St. Mark's, Trenton.*
R.E. Comp. R. H. Spencer, P.Z.
- No. 27. *Manitou, Collingwood.*
E. Comps. W. Whipps, Z.; R. Hughes; R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, P.Z.'s.
- No. 28. *Pentalpha, Oshawa,*
E. Comps. J. F. Grierson; V.E. Comp. John Lander; R.E. Comps. R. McCaw, L. K. Murton, P.Z's.
- No. 29. *McCallum, Dunnville.*
R. E. Comps. J. C. Eccles; R. G. W. Conolly, P.Z's.
- No. 30. *Huron, Goderich.*
R.E. Comp. Joseph Beck, P.Z.
- No. 31. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
E. Comps. E. S. McGillivray, Z.; R. E. Wright; V.E. Comp. H. Wellbanks; M.E. Comp. Donald Ross, P.Z.'s.
- No. 32. *Waterloo, Galt.*
E. Comp. D. Collins, Z.

- No. 34. *Signet, Barrie.*
E. Comp. A. Cowan, P.Z.
- No. 35. *Keystone, Whitby.*
E. Comp. J. H. Nicholson ; R.E. Comp. R. L. Huggard, P.Z.'s.
- No. 36. *Corinthian, Peterborough.*
E. Comp. W. J. Francis, Z.
- No. 37. *Victoria, Port Hope.*
E. Comp. A. H. Randall, Z.
- No. 40. *Guelph, Guelph.*
E. Comps. W. A. Mahoney, Robt. Howie ; R. E. Comp Rd. Mahoney, P.Z.'s.
- No. 44. *Mount Sinai, Napanee.*
E. Comp. G. F. Ruttan, H.
- No. 45. *Excelsior, Colborne.*
E. Comp. W. W. Southon, Z.
- No. 47. *Wellington, Chatham.*
E. Comp. Robert Park, Z.
- No. 48. *St. John's, Cobourg.*
R. E. Comp. Robert J. Craig, P.Z.
- No. 52. *Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.*
R.E. Comp. John Leslie, P.Z.
- No. 53. *Bruce, Petrolea.*
V.E. Comp. John Sinclair, P.Z.
- No. 54. *Palestine, St. Thomas.*
E. Comp. N. W. Ford ; R.E. Comp. Henry Roe, P.Z.'s.
- No. 55. *Niagara, Niagara.*
E. Comps. F. Masters, Z. ; R.E. Comp. J. G. Rousseau, P.Z.
- No. 56. *Georgian, Owen Sound.*
E. Comp. Jas. McLauchlan, P.Z.
- No. 57. *King Hiram, Port Colborne.*
E. Comp. C. D. Winn ; V.E. Comp. T. J. O'Neill, P.Z.'s.
- No. 59. *Sussex, Brockville.*
E. Comps. A. H. Gilham, Geo. K. Dewey ; V.E. Comp. Thos. Dowell, P.Z.'s.

- No. 60. *Doric, Newmarket.*
V.E. Comp. Alfred Webb ; R.E. Comp. P. T. Lee, P. Z's.
- No. 61. *Granite, Almonte.*
E. Comp. W. C. Pollock, P.Z.
- No. 62. *York, Eglinton.*
E. Comps. A. J. Brown, J.; A. Moseley, Geo. McLeish,
W. Duncan, R. Lennox, ; V.E. Comp. D. Robertson ;
R.E. Comps. R. W. Hull, R. J. Gibson ; M.E. Comp.
Wm. Roaf, P.Z's.
- No. 63. *Havelock, Kincardine.*
R. E. Comp. R. D. Hall, P.Z.
- No. 64. *Willson, Welland.*
R.E. Comp. David Ross, P.Z.
- No. 65. *St. Paul's, Toronto.*
E. Comps. K. J. Dunstan, H.; S. B. Sykes, Z. ; R.E.
Comps. B. Allen, C. W. Postlethwaite, A. F. Webster,
F. W. Harcourt, P.Z's.
- No. 67. *Enterprise, Harriston.*
V.E. Comp. A. Fisher, Z.
- No. 68. *Maitland, North Augusta.*
E. Comp. W. H. Kyle, P.Z.
- No. 69. *Grimsby, Grimsby.*
E. Comps. W. F. Randell, H.; A. E. Phipps ; V. E
Comp. R. Lipsit, P.Z.'s.
- No. 70. *Grand River, Bracebridge.*
E. Comp. F. W. Mills, Z.
- No. 72. *Keystone, Stirling.*
R.E. Comp. J. E. Halliwell, P.Z.
- No. 73. *Erie, Ridgetown.*
R.E. Comp. G. W. Moody. P.Z.
- No. 74. *Beaver, Strathroy.*
E. Comps. G. W. McBeath, H.; E. N. Hart, Z.
- No. 75. *St. Clair, Milton.*
M.E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, Proxy.
- No. 76. *Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls, South.*
E. Comp. R. F. Carter, Z.

- No. 77. *Occident, Toronto.*
E. Comps. E. J. Repath, J.; W. B. Stoneham, H.; H. G. Brown, Z.; H. Meadows, R. W. Brennan, Fred Prince, L. H. Luke; V.E. Comp. John Drew; R.E. Comp. G.K. Clemens.
- No. 78. *Minnewawa, Parkhill.*
E. Comp. Geo. Sutherland; V.E. Comp. W. Dawson; R.E. Comp. Wm. Caw, P.Z.'s.
- No. 79. *Orient, Toronto.*
E. Comps. J. A. Stewart, H.; F. R. Maxwell, Z.; Wm. Bain, Gil. Gilmour; V.E. Comp. Ira Bates, P.Z.'s.
- No. 80. *Ark, Windsor.*
E. Comp. Chas. Koelln, P.Z.
- No. 82. *Shuniah, Port Arthur.*
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, P.Z.
- No. 83. *Ionic, Orangeville.*
E. Comps. W. Fleming, Robert Irvine, P.Z.'s.
- No. 86. *Macpherson, Meaford.*
E. Comp. Jas. Sparling; V.E. Comp. R. F. White, P.Z.'s.
- No. 90. *Golden, Kenora.*
R.E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, P.Z.
- No. 91. *Antiquity, Toronto.*
E. Comps. A. E. Till, Z.; E. C. Davies; R.E. Comps. W. J. A. Lake, Geo. J. Bennett, P.Z.'s.
- No. 94. *Midland, Lindsay.*
R.E. Comp. J. W. Wallace; M.E. Comp. J. E. Harding, P.Z.'s.
- No. 95. *Tuscan, Sudbury.*
R.E. Comps. W. H. McFadden, C. R. Reid, P.Z.'s.
- No. 98. *Vancouver, Vancouver.*
R.E. Comp. S. C. Sykes, P.Z.; M.E. Comp. W. Roaf, Proxy.
- No. 100. *St. Lawrence, Brockville.*
R. E. Comp. W. H. Mowat, P.Z.
- No. 102. *Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie.*
R.E. Comp. Benj. Allen, Proxy.
- No. 103. *St. John's, North Bay.*
R.E. Comp. J. T. Lovell, P.Z.

- No. 104. *White Oak, Oakville.*
E. Comp. W. A. Chisholm ; R.E. Comp. W. H. Robinson, P.Z.'s.
- No. 106. *Alberta, Calgary.*
M.E. Comp. W. G. Reid, Proxy.
- No. 112. *St. John's, Morrisburg.*
E. Comps. W. K. Farlinger, J. C. Casselman, P.Z.'s.
- No. 113. *Covenant, Cornwall.*
E. Comps. F. Bisset, E. H. Elvidge, P.Z.'s.
- No. 114. *Bonnechere, Renfrew.*
E. Comp. R. C. Timmins, P.Z.
- No. 115. *Brant, Paris.*
E.Comp. J.R. Inksater, Z. ; R.E. Comp. Jas. Smiley, P.Z.
- No. 116. *Maple, Carleton Place.*
E. Comp. A. S. Gorrell ; R.E. Comp. D. H. McIntosh P.Z.'s.
- No. 117. *Berlin, Berlin.*
E. Comp. F. H. Spence ; R.E. Comp. W. Oelschlager P.Z.'s.
- No. 118. *North Star, Edmonton.*
E. Comp. J. W. Morris, P.Z.
- No. 120. *Kootenay, Kaslo.*
R. E. Comp. Benj. Allen, Proxy.
- No. 122. *Rossland, Rossland.*
R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Proxy.
- No. 124. *Westminster, New Westminster.*
M.E. Comp. Wm. Gibson, Proxy.
- No. 127. *Keystone, Nanaimo.*
R.E. Comp. S. C. Sykes, Proxy.
- No. 129. *Elliot, Mitchell.*
R.E. Comp. Wm. Elliot, P.Z.
- No. 130. *Chantry, Southampton.*
E. Comp. P. J. Scott, P.Z.

- No. 131. *Amabel, Wiarton.*
E. Comps. J. McCauley, Z.; S. E. Foster, P.Z.
- No. 132. *Leeds, Gananoque.*
E. Comp. C. A. Watt, H.
- No. 133. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
E. Comp. R. Craig, Z.
- No. 135. *Succoth, Uxbridge.*
E. Comps. J. H. Chinn, J.; W. S. Ormiston, Z.; V.M. Hare; V.E. Comp. D. A. Clark, P.Z.'s.
- No. 138. *Shekinah, Toronto Junction.*
E. Comp. G. W. Clendenan, P.Z.
- No. 139. *St. Andrew's, Havelock.*
E. Comp. E. Williams, Z.
- No. 140. *Fort William, Fort William.*
M.E. Comp. A. Shaw, Proxy.
- No. 141. *Keystone, Brandon.*
R.E. Comp. John Leslie, Proxy.
- No. 142. *Cyrus, Cumberland.*
M.E. Comp. A. Shaw, Proxy.
- No. 145. *The St. Patrick, Toronto.*
E. Comps. J. A. Cowan, Z.; H. A. Collins, P.Z.
- No. 149. *Atwood, Rainy River.*
R.E. Comp. John Leslie, P.Z.
- No. 150. *London, London.*
E. Comp. Chas. C. Reed, Z.

Thirty Chapters are unrepresented. Number of names registered, 201; number of votes entitled to be cast, 403."

Fraternally submitted,

J. EARL HALLIWELL, W. T. TONER, R. W. CLEWLO,	}	Committee.
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On motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Halliwell, seconded by R. E. Comp. W. T. Toner, the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. the Grand Z. announced that all Royal Arch Masons properly vouched for and in good standing, would now be admitted as visitors, during the sessions of Grand Chapter.

The M. E. the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of representatives of sister Grand Chapters and invited those in attendance to seats on the dais where he greeted them, the Companions of Grand Chapter standing. The following answered to their names:

M.E. Comp.	Abraham Shaw, Kingston.....	Connecticut.
"	Hugh Murray, Hamilton.....	Dist. of Columbia.
R. E.	Rd. Mahoney, Guelph.....	Florida.
"	C. W. Postlethwaite, Toronto....	Iowa.
"	Geo. J. Bennett, Toronto.....	Ireland.
"	Benj. Allen, Toronto.....	Maine.
"	R. G. W. Conolly, St. Catharines ..	Maryland.
M.E.	John E. Harding, Lindsay.....	Massachusetts.
R.E.	Oliver Ellwood, London.....	Minnesota.
M.E.	Wm. Gibson, Beamsville.....	Missouri.
"	J. Ross Robertson, Toronto....	Nebraska.
R.E.	W. H. Mowat, Brockville.....	Nevada.
"	John Leslie, Winnipeg.....	New Zealand.
"	Aubrey White, Toronto.....	North Carolina.
"	George Moore, Hamilton.....	Nova Scotia.
V.E.	Hugh A. MacKay, Berlin.....	Ohio.
M.E.	William Roaf, Toronto.....	Oregon.
R.E.	A. E. Cooper, London.....	South Dakota.
"	J. B. Nixon, Toronto.....	Vermont.
M.E.	W. G. Reid, Hamilton.....	Victoria.
R.E.	Alex. Patterson, Toronto... ..	Virginia.

The Grand Representatives having been accorded the Grand Honors, M. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, representing the District of Columbia, acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and his colleagues.

The M. E. the Grand Z. then read the following,—

ADDRESS.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Canada.*

Companions:

At the close of another year of devotion to Capitular Masonry I welcome you to the Forty-eighth Annual Convocation of our Grand Chapter to deliberate upon the doings of the period which has just closed, and to consider what shall be done in the future for the advancement of the Royal Craft. Like its predecessors of the last few years, we have great cause for the rendering of thanks to the Most High for the many evidences of prosperity which He has continued to bestow upon us as a body. It is a pleasure to be able to state that our membership continues to increase notwithstanding the losses we have incurred, arising from death and other causes. Our relations with sister Grand Chapters continue to be of the most cordial and pleasant nature. Peace and harmony prevail within our own borders, and it has been my good fortune not to have had any question arise which in any way might tend to disturb the fraternal peace which should at all times characterize us as Companions.

THE VACANT CHAIRS

While acknowledging, with gratitude to the Most High, the manifold blessings vouchsafed to us, we bow with humble submission to the chastening hand which has removed from our midst, beloved Companions whose presence at our Annual Convocations inspired us to follow their good example in looking after the best interests of our cherished institution. We miss in a peculiar manner the striking presence of our venerable and dearly beloved M. E. Companion Kivas Tully, honorary Past Grand Z. of this Grand Chapter, and for nearly half a century the representative of the Grand Chapter of Ireland. Companion Tully was the last living member of our Grand Chapter who was present at and took active part in its formation in the year 1857. He was most regular in his

attendance at our annual assemblies and always took a lively interest in the proceedings. We shall miss, but not forget him. Our M. E. Companion passed away at his residence in the city of Toronto, at the ripe age of 85 years, full of years and honor, on the 24th day of April, 1905. To know Companion Tully was to love and respect him. May his memory and his good work for Masonry ever remain fresh in our hearts.

Several of the representatives from our sister Grand bodies were, I am grieved to say, called away during the year from their labors in this sphere to their home beyond the grave. In addition to that of M. E. Companion Kivas Tully, vacant chairs have been left by the following departed Companions whom we knew so intimately and esteemed for their high qualities: R. E. Companion James Wilson, Past Grand Supt., Toronto District, representative of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, R. E. Companion W. B. McArthur, Past Grand Supt., Ottawa District, representative of the Grand Chapter of Alabama and V. E. Companion Hon. James Sutherland, Past Grand Sword Bearer, representative of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick. Their presence at our Annual Convocations will be sadly missed. We have also to record our sense of sorrow at the severe loss Grand Chapter has sustained by the removal through death, in addition to those previously named, of the following valued members of Grand Chapter whose decease has been reported to us:

R. E. Companion Isaac P. Willson, Past Grand Supt., Niagara District, Welland.

R. E. Companion James O'Connor, Past Grand Supt., London District, Winnipeg.

R. E. Companion James W. Quinlan, Past Grand Supt., Ontario District, Port Hope.

R. E. Companion George Middleditch, Past Grand Supt., St. Clair, District, Ridgetown,

R. E. Companion A. G. McWhinney, Past Grand Supt., London District, London.

R. E. Companion Wm. Hawthorne, Past Grand Supt. London District, London.

R. E. Companion Geo. C. Patterson, Past Grand Principal Sojourner, Toronto.

R. E. Companion J. J. Thompson, Past Grand Principal Sojourner, Toronto.

V. E. Companion W. G. S. Reynolds, Past Grand Sword Bearer, Ottawa.

Many others have fallen at death's mandate. Their names will be found elsewhere in the record. We extend to the relatives of our deceased Companions our sympathy in this their hour of sorrow.

We mourn with our sister jurisdictions the loss of the following distinguished Companions who have passed over to the great majority:

California—M. E. Companion John Kirkpatrick, Past Grand High Priest, R. E. Companion Joseph Bailey Cook, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, E. Companion Thomas Kyle, Grand Chaplain.

Connecticut—M. E. Companion Luke A. Lockwood, Grand High Priest.

Colorado—R. E. Companion Albert H. Branch, Past Deputy Grand High Priest.

Florida—M. E. Companions John S. Briggs, Past Grand High Priest, and Angus Patterson, Past Grand High Priest.

Georgia—R. E. Companion John J. Hyman, Grand Chaplain.

Illinois—M. E. Companion William Lindsay Orr, Past Grand High Priest.

Indian Territory—M. E. Companion Jonas Altizer Lee, Past Grand High Priest.

Iowa—M. E. Companion Almon Ralph Dewey, Past Grand High Priest.

Kansas—M. E. Companion George Stewart Green, Past Grand High Priest, R. E. Companions Henry C. Loomis, Past Grand Scribe, and Jacob D. Rush, Past Grand King.

Louisiana—M. E. Companion Samuel Manning Todd, Past Grand High Priest.

Michigan—R. E. Companion Lewis C. Goodrich, Grand Lecturer.

Missouri—M. E. Companion Thomas Ellwood Garrett, Past Grand High Priest.

Nebraska—M. E. Companion Robert Wilkinson Furnas, Past Grand High Priest.

New York—M. E. Companion J. Leavitt Lambert, Past Grand High Priest.

North Carolina—M. E. Companion James Dodge Glenn, Grand High Priest.

Ohio—M. E. Companions Reuben C. Lemmon, Past Grand High Priest, and James W. Underhill, Past Grand High Priest.

Quebec—M. E. Companion Albert Daniel Nelson, Grand Treasurer.

Washington—M. E. Companion Thomas Milburne Reed, Past Grand High Priest.

Wisconsin—R. E. Companion Rev. Thomas J. Snodgrass, Grand Chaplain.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

It was a pleasure to me to recommend the appointment of the following Companions to represent the Grand Chapters opposite their respective names, near the Grand Chapter of Canada:

Alabama—R. E. Companion William Rea, Ottawa.

Florida—R. E. Companion Richard Mahoney, Guelph.

Ireland—R. E. Companion Geo. J. Bennett, Toronto.

New Brunswick—R. E. Companion W. S. R. Murch, Kingston.

North Carolina—R. E. Companion Aubrey White, Toronto.

South Carolina—R. E. Companion W. T. Toner, Collingwood.

New South Wales—R. E. Companion J. E. Halliwell Stirling.

I also had the pleasure of issuing commissions to the following Companions as representatives of this Grand Chapter near their respective Grand Chapters:

Arkansas—R. E. Companion Jeff. L. Davis, Fayetteville.

Nebraska—R. E. Companion Oscar R. Allan, Omaha.

Scotland—M. E. Companion Sir Allan R. Mackenzie Bart., Grand Z.

I trust the more frequent attendance of Grand Representatives near the Grand Chapter of Canada, those within accessible distance, will assist to remove the occasion of so many Grand Chapters referring to the continued absence of those Companions from their places at our Annual Convocations. It seems to me that many of the representatives either do not appreciate the honor conferred upon them, or they must be so engrossed in their own business as to be unable to spare a day to do honor to the appointment they bear. This matter has been referred to by several of my predecessors, and in doing so once more it is with the hope that it may have an awakening effect on some of those who overlooked former requests to favor Grand Chapter with their presence.

VISITS TO THE CHAPTERS.

It was a pleasure to me to have received from many of the Chapters in this large jurisdiction an invitation to pay them a visit. In every instance where I was enabled to go I was received in a most hearty and welcome manner, and the loyalty due to Grand Chapter was invariably shown to me. I am pleased to say that when the work was presented it was done correctly. The reports of the district Superintendents will set out in detail the results of their visits to the several Chapters, and I desire at this juncture to express to those zealous officers my thanks for the faithful work done by them. The following is a list of the Chapters I visited:

March 2—York Chapter No. 62, Eglinton.

March 8—St. Paul's Chapter No. 65, Toronto.

March 17—The St. Patrick Chapter No. 145, Toronto.

March 31—Mount Nebo Chapter No. 76, Niagara Falls South.

May 12—Mount Moriah Chapter No. 19, St. Catharines.

May 19—Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter No. 1, Kingston.

June 5—Niagara Chapter No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

June 29—London Chapter (U. D.), London.

July 4—St. John's Chapter (U. D.), Vankleek Hill.

July 5—Leeds Chapter No. 132, Gananoque.

July 31—Atwood Chapter (U. D.), Rainy River.

Aug. 2—Prince Rupert Chapter No. 52, Winnipeg, Man.

Aug. 4—Keystone Chapter No. 141, Brandon, Man.

Aug. 7—Wascana Chapter No. 121, Regina, Sask.

Aug. 9—Alberta Chapter No. 106, Calgary, Alta.

Aug. 10—North Star Chapter No. 118, Edmonton, Alta.

Aug. 22—Vancouver Chapter No. 98, Vancouver, B. C.

Aug. 24—Westminster Chapter No. 124, New Westminster, B. C.

Sept. 6—Nelson Chapter No. 123, Nelson, B. C.

Sept. 7—Crow's Nest Chapter No. 137, Fernie, B. C.

Sept. 29—Algonquin Chapter No. 102, Sault Ste. Marie.

Oct. 13—Occident Chapter No. 77, Toronto.

Nov. 17—Ezra Chapter No. 23, Simcoe.

Nov. 20—Antiquity Chapter No. 91, Toronto.

Dec. 11—Waterloo Chapter No. 32, Galt.

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Jan. 4—York Chapter No. 62, Eglinton.

Jan. 10—St. Paul's Chapter No. 65, Toronto.

Jan. 15—Succoth Chapter No. 135, Uxbridge.

Jan. 20—The St. Patrick Chapter No. 145, Toronto.

From the foregoing list it will be seen that a number of the Chapters visited are situated in the western portion of our jurisdiction, and from all I received as hearty a welcome as was ever given by any of our eastern Chapters to the presiding officer of this Grand body.

CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

This year, so far as I can hear, there were held only two Chapters of Instruction. One was at Trenton in District No. 11 on the 27th of October, 1905, the other at Ottawa in District No. 13. That at Trenton was presided over by R. E. Companion R. H. Spencer. I had the privilege of being present. The M. M. M. degree was worked by the officers of St. Mark's Chapter No. 26 at Trenton. The M. E. M. degree was worked by the officers of the Moira Chapter No. 7 of Belleville, and the Royal Arch degree was worked by the officers of Prince Edward Chapter No. 31 of Picton. Among those present were R. E. Companion Geo. Moore, Grand J., and R. E. Companions Wilkins and Morden. I am satisfied that the result of the meetings could not help but be of great good to those privileged to be present, and of benefit to Capitular Masonry in general in those districts. I am sorry there had not been more of them held throughout the jurisdiction.

NEW CHAPTERS

I had the privilege of granting dispensations to qualified petitioning Companions for the institution of the following new Chapters: St. John's, at Vankleek Hill, Atwood, at Rainy River, Laurentian, at Pembroke, London, at London, and Alberton, at Fort Frances.

On the 29th of June, 1905, I attended at London, when the district Superintendent, R. E. Companion Evans, instituted London Chapter, U. D., and the Ex. Z. conferred the M. M. M. degree on two candidates. I am glad to say the progress made by the Chapter has justified the recommendation of the district Superintendent for the formation of the same, and I hope to see a warrant granted to it at this present Convocation. I was accompanied on that occasion by R. E. Companion Moore, Grand J.

On the 31st of July, 1905, assisted by M. E. Companion A. Shaw, Past Grand Z., R. E. Companion John Leslie, Grand H., R. E. Companions Magness and Braden, Past Grand Superintendents of Manitoba District, R. E. Companion Wenino of Sarnia, Past Grand Supt., of London District, and several Companions from Winnipeg, I instituted the Chapter at Rainy River. There were fourteen Companions present to receive the degrees, and quite a number of others were unable to attend that day. The Chapter has in the interval given evidence of activity.

The other Chapters under dispensation were instituted at my request by the Superintendents of the districts where they are situated, except that at Fort Frances, which was instituted at my request by R. E. Companion Judge Chapple, of Kenora, Past Grand Superintendent, and for whose willing services, in that and other matters Masonic, I am deeply grateful.

CHAPTER BY-LAWS.

The following Chapters submitted new codes of by-laws which were approved: Fort William No. 140, Fort William; Corinthian No. 36, Peterboro; St. James No. 46, St. Marys; Crow's Nest, No. 137, Fernie; Lucknow No. 147, Lucknow; Shekinah No. 138, Toronto Junction; Mount Horeb No. 20, Brantford; and Waterloo No. 32, Galt.

Amendments were submitted and approved of on behalf of the following Chapters: Keystone No. 72, Stirling; Berlin No. 117, Berlin; Havelock No. 63, Kincardine; Manitou No. 27, Collingwood; Shuniah No. 82, Port Arthur; Succoth No. 135, Uxbridge; Excelsior No. 45, Colborne, Minnewawa No. 78, Parkhill; Palestine No. 54, St. Thomas; Prince Edward No. 31, Picton; Anti-quity No. 91, Toronto; Maple No. 116, Carleton Place; Beaver No. 74, Strathroy; Georgian No. 56, Owen Sound.

A very hopeful sign is the increase of applications to approve new codes of by-laws or to sanction amendments to old ones. Among the latter I was pleased to notice quite a number to advance the fee for conferring the degrees. I was also gratified to observe that not a few

made provision for presenting the newly exalted Companion with the apron and sash of a Royal Arch Mason. Many of our Chapters are too lax in this respect. The officer whose duty it is "to allow none to enter the Chapter but those who come properly clothed as Royal Arch Masons" should be protected by the First Principal from being placed in a questionable position. One of the best methods of securing uniformity in this respect is for the regulation of the fee so as to insure, by by-law, the presentation of the proper clothing to each newly admitted Companion. One of the Chapters, I notice, has included in the presentation, the jewel of the Order, which, ceremonially speaking, is equally as necessary and inasmuch as it is authorized to be worn in the Blue Lodge, is in all respects an appropriate decoration.

During my term I have been struck by the number of cases in which Chapters have neglected the important feature of by-laws, and upon enquiry learned that the presentation of a printed copy to the newly admitted brother was not only omitted but that frequently the Chapters conducted their business without any such aid whatever. I instructed the Grand Scribe E. to communicate with the Grand Superintendents to ascertain what Chapters complied, or otherwise, with the requirements and at the same time requested a copy of the by-laws to be sent to his office. The response to the present has justified the enquiry, as out of 124 Chapters only 39 have complied with the request. I would suggest that a list of those Chapters which fail to comply be printed with the Proceedings next year and that in the meantime the incoming Grand Superintendents pursue the enquiry already commenced.

DISPENSATIONS.

Applications for dispensations during the past year have been comparatively few, a fact which I consider ominous of good. In nearly every case they were to qualify Companions elected to the First or Second Principal chairs and who were ineligible by reason of not previously serving in the preceding office, a few were to authorize convocations on dates other than those stated in the by-

laws, and one or two were to sanction the wearing of Royal Arch clothing at Divine service or at entertainments held under Masonic auspices.

CEREMONIES.

I am pleased to say that from personal observation as well as from statements made to me by the faithful Grand Superintendents, the quality of the work in the Chapters of this jurisdiction is accurate and uniform. In this connection I may add that the opening ceremony remodelled in the early part of the year and approved by the Grand Council was promulgated to the Chapters through the Grand Superintendents and has given general satisfaction.

The Committee appointed to revise the ceremony of installation of officers in the Chapters, completed their work in the latter part of November and, as soon as possible thereafter, the revised ceremony was printed and copies sent to each Chapter. From what I have since learned from a number of sources, the revision was accomplished none too soon, as my informants are agreed that the new working is regarded by the Companions as a much needed improvement.

ROYAL ARCH COLORS.

On several occasions during the year my attention was directed to a remarkable difference in the colors of the ribbon used in the Royal Arch clothing worn by Companions who had recently procured the same. In the cases of one or two Chapters located at a considerable distance from this city I was asked directly whether they were in possession of the correct material, as doubt had been cast upon the genuineness of that which they had purchased in Toronto in all good faith. I stated then, as state now, that the ribbon worn by the Companions of this jurisdiction must be of the colors authorized by this Grand Chapter at, and since, its formation, and of the same design, hue and shade as worn by its officers in the past as well as at the present time. Anything else is incorrect, unauthorized and therefore inadmissible.

I may add that I have no desire or intention to interfere in any person's business; at the same time I may be pardoned if, in my position as Grand Z., I object to any regalia firm, here or elsewhere, undertaking to determine what shall, or shall not, be the Royal Arch colors under this Grand Chapter.

To avoid anything like a recurrence of the difficulty, and for the protection of the Companions, I would recommend that the Grand Scribe E. be empowered to procure and issue to the Chapters of this jurisdiction, samples of ribbon of the authorized colors, to be preserved by them for future guidance.

INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

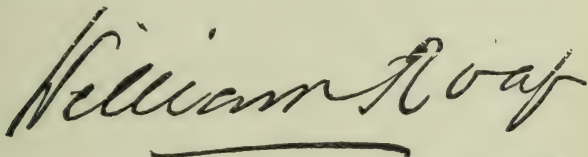
Pursuant to the resolution of Grand Chapter at the last Convocation, your Grand Council and Treasurer invested \$1,527.39, part of our funds lying to our credit in the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in debentures of the City of Stratford, bearing interest at 4%, netting the Grand Chapter 4 1-16 % per annum, payable yearly.

CONCLUSION.

From the report of the Grand Treasurer, which will be placed before you, it will be seen that the funds and securities of Grand Chapter are in safe care and keeping. The report of the Grand Scribe E. will show that our progress has been of a substantial nature, and we have every reason to be thankful for the good work we have been able to accomplish.

Before closing this imperfectly expressed record of my acts as your Grand First Principal, permit me to express my heartfelt thanks to the Grand Second and Third Principals for their assistance in the performance of the duties of their respective offices. Too much praise cannot be given to the District Superintendents for the manner in which they discharged their duties. As for the Grand Scribe E., I fail to find words to express my gratitude for the faithful performance of the heavy and onerous work connected with his office. He has made me indebted to him

for performing many acts of kindness connected with the duties of my position. To the other officers of Grand Chapter I extend my thanks for the faithful work done by them during the past year. To the members of Grand Chapter my heartfelt thanks go out for the great honor which they conferred upon me a year ago, and my hope is that my efforts to promote the cause of Capitular Masonry have met with their approval. May the blessing of the Most High rest upon them and the labors of this Convocation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Roay". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Grand Z.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, and

Resolved,—That the address of the M.E. the Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS.

The reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were then presented.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

As Grand Superintendent, I have much pleasure in accordance with the Constitution, in submitting my report upon the condition of Royal Arch Masonry. The St. Clair District is comprised of six Chapters, viz: Wellington Chapter, No. 47, Chatham; Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 71, Amherstburg; Erie Chapter, No. 73, Ridgetown; Ark Chapter, No. 80, Windsor; MacNabb Chapter, No. 88, Dresden, and King Cyrus Chapter, No. 119, Lemington.

I am pleased to be able to report a progressive year for the Chapters generally, and I am glad to say that they are now working as closely to uniformity as could possibly be expected.

WELLINGTON CHAPTER, NO. 47, CHATHAM.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Thursday, Nov. 23rd. There was a very good attendance of the Companions at this Convocation considering the short notice they had of my coming. I was introduced to the Companions by R. E. Comp. Vincent, and had the pleasure of seeing the M. E. M. and R. A. degrees conferred on two candidates by E. Comp. Geo. B. Crumb and his staff of officers in a most accurate and impressive manner. Each and every officer did his work well. The prospects for this Chapter are bright. The banquet which followed was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, NO. 71, AMHERSTBURG.—I visited this Chapter on December 11th, on which occasion the R. A. degree was exemplified upon two candidates by E. Comp. Wilkinson and a staff of Past Z's, the several officers showing by their work the degree of perfection to which they have arrived. It was done in a very dignified and perfect manner, which had a good effect. This being a past Z's night, all the chairs were filled by those veteran

Companions to whom the good work of this Chapter may be attributed. I also had the pleasure of meeting several Companions from Detroit and other American Chapters, which added greatly to the enthusiasm of the meeting. The prospects of this Chapter are excellent. The usual banquet closed a very profitable and enjoyable evening.

ERIE CHAPTER, NO. 73, RIDGETOWN.—I paid my official visit to this, my own Chapter, on Monday, Dec. 11th, and witnessed the M. M. M. degree conferred on nine candidates by E. Comp. Ellwood and several of the old Past Z's of the Chapter. The work was done very efficiently and in a workmanlike manner. The books of the Chapter are in good hands and neatly kept by Comp. Long, S. E. The prospects of Erie Chapter are good, and I have no doubt that under the able guidance of the newly installed officers that the work will be done in the same good way. The usual banquet completed a very pleasant and profitable evening.

ARK CHAPTER, NO. 80, WINDSOR.—I made my official visit to this Chapter on Monday, Nov. 27th, and was introduced to the Companions by R. E. Comps. Greenhill and White, and was pleased to see the M. E. M. and R. A. degrees exemplified in a most instructive and efficient manner by E. Comp. Koelln and his enthusiastic staff of officers. This Chapter is doing good work, and I am glad to say that the prospects are bright. The books of the Scribe E. are neatly and accurately kept. Capitular Masonry will doubtless flourish in Windsor in the future as it has in the past. I was pleased to meet several of the Companions of Munroe Chapter, Detroit, on this occasion. The usual banquet and toast list completed a very pleasant and enjoyable visit.

MACNABB CHAPTER, NO. 88, DRESDEN.—I visited this Chapter on January 4th, 1906, on which occasion the M. E. M. degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. I also had the pleasure of installing the officers of this Chapter on that evening. The attendance was not quite as large as usual on account of it being a very stormy evening. The Companions of this Chapter are very enthusiastic, and I have no doubt as to its future prosperity.

The books are very neatly kept by Companion Carscallen, Scribe E., a very enthusiastic member of the Chapter. The usual banquet completed a very pleasant evening, and the Companions dispersed by singing Auld Lang Syne.

KING CYRUS CHAPTER, NO. 119, LEAMINGTON.—This Chapter was visited by me on the 16th of January, 1906, when I had the pleasure of meeting many old friends, and amongst them E. Comp. Dr. Hillier. I also had the pleasure of installing the officers of the Chapter on that evening. Although not being able to see any of the degrees conferred, I am thoroughly convinced that this Chapter can put on the work equal to any in the district. The manner in which the books are kept is commendable. A detailed statement of the affairs of the Chapter is prepared and a copy of the same, which is sent to every Companion by Comp Greenhill, S. E., is certainly worthy of note. The prospects of this Chapter are exceedingly bright. At the conclusion of the meeting we were ushered into a beautifully furnished banquet hall and invited to partake of a daintily prepared repast, after which we were entertained by a few appropriate speeches.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Companions of the St. Clair District very sincerely for the honor conferred on me at the last Convocation of Grand Chapter, and also the various Chapters for their many courtesies and kindnesses to me during my term of office, and I sincerely trust that the good fellowship and brotherly love which has for many years been a distinguishing feature of all the Companions of St. Clair District may still continue.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE W. MOODY,
Grand Supt., St. Clair District, No. 1.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 1

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.																													
			Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended on Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?	
Wellington.....	47	Chatham.....	11	14	25	22	5	2.00	90	25	16	2	1	2	0	2	105	16	16	16	36	\$	\$ 250.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 200.00	\$ *	\$ 5.00	Excellent.	No.
Prince of Wales....	71	Amherstburg....	8	7	15	15	2	2.00	52	4	4	..	..	4	..	2	52	4	4	4	26	..	400.00	25.00	..	..	300.00	15.00	Good.	Yes
Erie.....	73	Ridgetown.....	7	1	8	20	..	1.50	54	19	19	..	..	3	3	1	651	91	91	9	35	..	100.00	..	..	86.00	175.00	..	Good.	Yes
Ark.....	80	Windsor.....	10	4	14	19	3	3.00	109	14	12	..	..	..	..	3	117	12	11	11	58	..	1,068.00	209.00	500.00	359.00	300.00	25.00	Good.	Yes
MacNabb.....	88	Dresden.....	9	4	13	13	2	1.45	46	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	53	7	7	3	6	..	..	..	..	40.00	..	20.00	Good.	Yes
King Cytus.....	119	Leamington.....	8	1	9	12	..	2.00	56	9	9	1	..	2	..	..	64	9	9	8	15	..	499.04	120.90	350.00	120.90	225.00	5.00	Good.	Yes

REMARKS—*Board of Control.

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2.

*To the Most Excellent, the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:*

I have the honor and privilege of presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in London District, No. 2.

I have visited all the Chapters in the district, nine in number, and everywhere I have been received in the most cordial manner, the Companions evidently vying with each other to do honor to your representative.

The utmost harmony appears to prevail in all the Chapters, and the officers seem to be inspired with zeal for the welfare of the Royal Craft, which I think augurs well for the future of Royal Arch Masonry in this district.

The degree work of the different Chapters continues to be of that high standard which has been maintained for some time past, due to the excellent work done by my predecessors in office and which has made my work of inspection a very easy one. I have not once had to make any serious complaint in any of the Chapters where I have witnessed the conferring of any of the degrees. There is an evident and commendable effort on the part of all the officers to adhere strictly and accurately to the ritual laid down by Grand Chapter.

All the Chapters have printed copies of their by-laws, and a copy of same is handed to every candidate on his advancement. A copy of the Grand Chapter Constitution is also handed to the candidate in every Chapter except one, and this Chapter has promised to furnish itself with a supply of same at once.

It is with very great regret I have to announce the death of R. E. Comp. A. G. McWhinney, Past Grand Supt. of this district, which occurred in Belfast, Ireland, in July last. Companion McWhinney was an enthusiastic and energetic Mason, and will be much missed in this district. The following deaths have also been reported to

me: E. Comp. S. J. Puddicombe, Palestine No. 54; Comp. Dr. Johnston, Wawanosh No. 15; R. E. Comp. Wm. Hawthorne, St. Johns No. 3.

I wish to extend my grateful appreciation of the London Companions who so kindly accompanied me on my visits to the several Chapters. The encouragement and assistance which I received on every hand will not soon be forgotten.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 3, LONDON.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of Nov. 29th and was received in a very cordial manner. There was a very fair attendance present. The M. E. M. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Rowe, Second Principal, in a precise and impressive manner. The Royal Arch degree was then exemplified in an excellent manner by E. Comp. J. H. Wilson and the other officers of the Chapter. This Chapter continues to maintain its position as the leading Chapter of the district, and has every evidence of continued prosperity. R. E. Comp. Oliver Ellwood is a most efficient Scribe E., and his books are models of neatness and system. I had the honor on the 26th of December of again visiting this Chapter and installing the officers for the ensuing year. The new and revised ceremony authorized by Grand Chapter was used and it was voted by all a great improvement over the old ceremony.

ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, NO. 5, LONDON.—Great things were prophesied for this Chapter last year, but I regret to report that they have not been accomplished. I am glad to say, however, that I believe the tide is turning and that ere another year rolls round it will have regained its old time prestige. I visited this Chapter officially on the evening of October 27th. There was just a fair attendance of members and visitors, and on account of the candidate disappointing them, no degree work was conferred. The new Scribe E. of this Chapter, E. Comp. W. Spittal, is distinguishing himself as a painstaking and efficient officer, and is quite an acquisition to the working forces of the Chapter. I sincerely trust that the feeling of unrest which existed between certain of the Companions, and which has been gradually dying out, will

not be allowed to rise again, and that no disquieting element will be allowed to interfere with the future prosperity of this Chapter. Nothing but a little personal pique now remains of the old time differences and with proper care and nursing this will in due time disappear. I had the honor of installing the newly elected and appointed officers of this Chapter on December 22nd.

WAWANOSH CHAPTER, No. 15, SARNIA.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of Oct. 13th, and was received in a very hearty manner. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, including R. E. Comp. D. F. Mac-Watt and R. E. Comp. George Wenino. The Mark Master degree was conferred by E. Comp. Cornell and his officers in a very creditable manner. This Chapter possesses an energetic staff of officers and is enjoying an era of exceptional prosperity. Comp. A. K. Wanless is an excellent and painstaking Scribe E.

BRUCE CHAPTER, No. 53, PETROLIA.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of November 28th and was welcomed in a most enthusiastic and cordial manner. The Mark Master degree was conferred in a most accurate manner. V. E. Comp. J. Sinclair is the energetic Scribe E., of this Chapter and much of its success and prosperity is due to his untiring efforts. I am deeply grateful to the Companions of this Chapter who so kindly assisted in making my visit so enjoyable and long to be remembered.

PALESTINE CHAPTER, No. 54, ST. THOMAS.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of November 9th, and was enthusiastically received. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, and I had the very great pleasure of again meeting R. E. Comps. S. Dubber, and H. Roe. E. Comp. Minshall and staff of officers conferred the Royal Arch degree in a most efficient manner, reflecting great credit on the various officers. This Chapter has enjoyed an exceptional season of prosperity, partly due to the fact that they have recently doubled the exaltation fee. While a large number of new members have

been taken in, it only requires a casual meeting to convince any observer that only the best material has been accepted. The election of officers was held at this meeting and apparently passed off in a very satisfactory and harmonious manner. The books of this Chapter are kept in a careful and creditable manner by the Scribe E. V. E. Comp. Idsardi.

BEAVER CHAPTER, No. 74, STRATHROY.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of November 14th, and was welcomed in a hearty manner. E. Comp. Argue and staff of officers conferred the Mark Master degree in an impressive manner and with an attention to detail which was most commendable. I was hardly able to pick out a flaw which was worth mentioning. This Chapter was recently resuscitated, and the confidence of the Grand Z. has certainly not been misplaced. The Scribe E., Comp. Wetherell, is new at the work, but makes a most careful and painstaking officer.

AYLMER CHAPTER, No. 91, AYLMEER.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of October 20th and was very cordially received. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, among whom it was my very great pleasure to meet R. E. Comp. Rutherford. I was accompanied on this occasion by R. E. Comp. H. Roe of St. Thomas. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Comp. Moore and staff of officers in a very impressive manner, the work of the Prin. Sojr. being especially commendable, and without doubt the best in the district. This Chapter possesses one of the best equipped Chapter rooms in the district and of which the Companions are justly proud. My visit to this Chapter was one of great pleasure and long to be remembered. The books are neatly and carefully kept by Comp. J. E. Richards.

MINNEWAWA CHAPTER, No. 78, PARKHILL.—I visited this Chapter on the evening of November 17th, and was received in a very hearty manner. There was a good attendance of members and visitors, among whom it was my pleasure to renew acquaintance with E. Comp. Sutherland, V.E.Comp. Dawson and R.E.Comp. Caw. Some

of the Companions came a distance of over twenty-two miles, which, considering the state of the roads at the time, proves that they have a zealous attachment for the Royal Craft. The Mark Master degree was conferred by E. Comp. Wilson and staff of officers in a manner that, considering that the officers were only recently installed, and the great distances between their residences preventing a rehearsal, was very commendable. Comp. Dawson is the energetic and painstaking Scribe E of this Chapter, and the enthusiasm of its members and its prosperity are due to his progressive and indefatigable efforts.

LONDON CHAPTER, U. D., LONDON.—Early in the year a number of Companions of St. George's Chapter, being dissatisfied with the conduct of the affairs of that Chapter, and being desirous of avoiding any friction and ill feeling, petitioned the M. E. the Grand Z. through me, for permission to institute a new Chapter in the city of London. After due consideration, and being satisfied that there was room for another Chapter in the city, I recommended same to the favorable consideration of the Grand Z., who was pleased to grant a dispensation, authorizing the formation of a new Chapter. That the confidence thus reposed has been justified I think is substantially borne out by the subsequent events. Assisted by the M. E. the Grand Z., Comp. W. Roaf, and the R. E. the Grand J. Comp. Geo. Moore, I instituted the new Chapter on the evening of June 27th. It was started off under the most favorable auspices, eleven candidates being advanced at the first meeting, and this number being increased at each subsequent meeting. The Chapter has not sought to encourage membership by taking them in at the minimum fee authorized by Grand Chapter, but has maintained the maximum fee in effect in the two old Chapters here, so that the new venture cannot be accused of taking any undue advantage. St. George's has recently taken on new life and St. John's has done nearly as well as usual, which I think goes to show that neither of the old Chapters have been injured by the new one, and everyone must admit that the formation of the latter has been of inestimable benefit to St. George's and to the cause of the Royal Craft generally in this city. I visited

the London Chapter officially on the evening of December 20th, when the Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Comp. Reed and staff of officers in a most impressive and careful manner. I sincerely trust that the application of this Chapter for a charter will receive the favorable consideration of Grand Chapter.

In the accounts of my official visits recorded above I have made no reference to the material prosperity of the several Chapters, which will be found in the statistical return appended hereto. Nearly all the Chapters will be found to be making good progress and I believe I am safe in predicting a prosperous year for all of them during the ensuing twelve months. The officers in line for promotion are all capable and energetic and I am satisfied will maintain the high standard achieved by their predecessors.

To my successor, whoever he may be, I bespeak a very happy term of office, and I think I can assure him of a hearty welcome wherever he visits.

Finally, I extend to the Companions who so kindly elected me to my honorable position, my heartfelt thanks I have endeavored to perform my duties faithfully and in the best interests of the Royal Craft.

Fraternally submitted,

R. W. EVANS,
Grand Supt., London District No. 2.

LONDON DISTRICT, No. 2

CHAPTER.	LOCATION.	Number.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees?																											
			Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Mem'rs 12 Mths. in Arrear	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospects.	
St. John's.....	London.....	3	10	2	12	20	5	2.00	230	22	18	..	2	2	..	3	245	18	18	19	40	..	1,000	7.00	2.00	100.00	\$	Joint. ¹	30.00	Good.
St. George's.....	London.....	5	..	..	..	..	..	2.00	146	7	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	2.00	..	..	Joint. ²	..	Fair.
Wawanosh.....	Sarnia.....	15	10	4	14	35	2.00	187	25	25	2	..	14	1	199	25	25	25	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25.00	Excellent.
Bruce.....	Petrolia.....	53	10	6	16	16	12.00	94	7	7	..	1	2	3	4	93	7	7	6	11	..	241.00	160.00	..	..	40.00	241.00	20.00	Good.
Palestine.....	St. Thomas.....	54	12	1	13	32	21.00	172	36	33	1	..	3	3	2	198	33	34	31	24	..	737.00	320.00	300.00	117.00	300.00	10.00	Good.		
Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	74	11	..	11	11	22.00	26	13	10	1	..	..	..	..	37	10	9	5	2	18.00	347.00	26.00	300.00	21.00	300.00	10.00	Excellent.	
Minnewawa.....	Parkhill.....	78	7	2	9	14	1	1.50	57	4	4	..	3	1	..	63	4	2	16	..	..	287.00	101.00	50.00	136.00	6	5.00	Excellent.	
Aylmer.....	Aylmer.....	81	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Good.
London.....	U.D London.....	7	3	10	25	2	2.00	22	35	22	1	..	..	..	..	46	22	22	19	..	..	410.00	60.00	350.00	..	300.00	..	Excellent.	

¹Insurance covered by Board of Finance. ²Insurance covered by Board of Trustees. ³Insurance carried by Blue =.

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Wilson District, No. 3 :

I find that every Chapter has capable and competent officers, and that Capitular Masonry commands the respect it should, in this part of the jurisdiction.

The new work of opening was, in every Chapter, adopted as soon as received, and all report that a copy of the Constitution of Grand Chapter and a copy of the Chapter by-laws are presented to every candidate, and that a copy of by-laws either has been or will be forwarded to the Grand Scribe E.

EZRA CHAPTER, No. 23, SIMCOE.—I paid my first official visit to this Chapter on Friday, Nov. 17th. The M. E. the Grand Z. honored the district by being present. There was a good attendance of the Companions to witness the ceremony of exaltation, which was carefully and impressively rendered and elicited deserved praise from the Grand Z. and others present. R. E. Companions Christie, Bottomley, Kennedy and other past officers of the Chapter were present and assisted in the work.

A banquet followed, at which the usual toasts were responded to by the Grand Z. and other able speakers, of which Ezra Chapter has so many. E. Comp. Dr. McIntosh, Z., presided with dignity, both in the Chapter and at the banquet table. Comp. Porter, S. E., has his books in good shape. The membership is the largest of any in the district and the success of this Chapter is an example of what enthusiastic Masons can do.

MOUNT HOREB CHAPTER, No. 20, BRANTFORD. I visited this Chapter officially on Friday, December 1st. Owing to the unavoidable detention of the First Principal the election of officers was conducted by R. E. Comp. M.

McCormack, and the Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred by E. Comp. W. K. McCormack. The work was well and carefully done, all the officers being proficient. The Scribe E., Comp. Thos. Kerr, is a model secretary. This Chapter has had a prosperous year and has good prospects for a large addition to its membership the coming year. V. E. Comp. Rastall presided over the banquet, at which addresses were given by R. E. Comp. Taylor and others.

HARRIS CHAPTER, No. 41, INGERSOLL.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on Friday, December 8th. M.E. Comp. Walsh met me at the train and the Companions gave me a hearty reception. The Mark Master Mason's degree was conferred by E. Comp. Dr. Neff and the officers in an impressive manner. This Chapter is doing good work, and with such able and devoted men as M. E. Comp. Walsh, R. E. Comp. Partlo, E. Companions Boles, Patterson and others, will always give a good account of itself. Comp. Williams, Scribe E., is a very competent officer. A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a Past Z's jewel to E. Comp. Patterson by M. E. Comp. Walsh. The usual banquet followed.

BRANT CHAPTER, No. 115, PARIS.—I visited this, my mother Chapter, officially on Monday, December 11th, and conducted the ceremony of installation, assisted by R.E. Comp. Taylor and others. There was no work done on this occasion, but as I have been present at nearly all convocations of this Chapter I can report that the work is correctly done at all times and that E. Comp. Inksater and the officers installed are all competent and will keep up the good reputation of this Chapter. V. E. Comp. Rastall, E. Comp. W. R. McCormack and several Companions from Mount Horeb Chapter were present and assisted in the work of the evening.

OXFORD CHAPTER, No. 18, WOODSTOCK.—I visited this Chapter on Friday Dec. 18th, and was heartily received by a goodly number of Companions. The Royal Arch degree was conferred by E. Comp. Cheyne and the

officers in almost a faultless manner, after which the elections for the ensuing year took place. E. Comp. Cheyne and V. E. Comp. Biggins were re-elected Z. and S. E., respectively, and with such capable officers as these and others elected, this Chapter is sure to succeed. A pleasant time was spent in the banquet room, V. E. Comp. Karn and others taking part in the proceedings. With comendable energy the Masonic fraternity of Woodstock have remodelled and refurnished their rooms and have a home of which they may well be proud.

In conclusion I desire to express my gratitude to the Companions of the district for electing me to this important office and for the many kindnesses shewn during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES SMILEY,
Grand Supt., Wilson District, No. 3.

WILSON DISTRICT, No. 3

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergency.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Report.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restoration.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrear	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev. ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?	
									\$													\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	Good.	Yes.	
xford.....	18	Woodstock.....	10	1	11	12	1	2.00	68	2	2	..	..	2	3	2	63	2	2	4	33	..	475.00	80.00	400.00	120.00	400.00	..	..	Good.	Yes.
ount Horeb.....	20	Brantford.....	11	5	16	17	2	1.50	80	21	20	2	..	1	..	1	100	20	20	16	3	..	800.00	288.91	800.00	18.00	600.00	..	..	Good.	No.
zra.....	23	Simcoe.....	9	6	15	19	1	*2.00	134	10	7	..	..	2	1	4	134	7	8	8	21	..	400.00	200.00	200.00	232.40	200.00	30.00	..	Good.	Yes.
arris.....	41	Ingersoll.....	8	..	8	13	1	2.00	58	4	4	1	..	2	6	..	55	4	3	4	21	30.00	..	100.00	300.00	100.00	200.00	10.00	..	Fair.	Yes.
rant.....	115	Paris.....	9	..	9	12	2	3.00	43	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	44	2	1	1	..	..	100.00	100.00	200.00	75.00	200.00	10.00	..	Good.	Yes.

*Dues for Members three miles out, \$1.50.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

As Grand Superintendent of Wellington District, No. 4, I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district, which comprises the following Chapters: Waterloo, No. 32, Galt; Guelph, No. 40, Guelph; Enterprise, No. 67, Harriston; Ionic, No. 83, Orangeville; Berlin, No. 117, Berlin. I have received regularly the notices of convocations from the Scribes E. of the different Chapters, and was thereby kept posted in the work being done in the district. The returns show an increase of membership in Galt, Harriston and Berlin, Guelph and Orangeville remaining about the same as last year. I regret to report that owing to press of business I was unable to visit Orangeville Chapter.

WATERLOO CHAPTER, No. 32, GALT.—I visited this Chapter and found a good attendance of members. It is in a flourishing condition and maintains its efficiency in conferring the different degrees.

GUELPH CHAPTER, No. 40, GUELPH.—I visited this Chapter and found the officers well up in their work, and spent a pleasant evening with the Companions of the Royal City.

ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, No. 67, HARRISTON.—I am very much pleased to report the handsome increase of membership of 24 during the past year. The Companions are well versed in the work, and the Chapter has good prospects for the coming year.

BERLIN CHAPTER, No. 117, BERLIN.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter and witnessed the conferring of the Royal Arch degree. I am happy to report that this Chapter is now in a healthy condition.

In conclusion I desire to express my thanks to the Chapters of Wellington district for the honor conferred upon me a year ago.

Fraternally submitted,
W. OELSCHLAGER,
Grand Supt., Wellington District, No. 4.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

As Grand Superintendent of Hamilton district Nö. 5, I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in this district.

It affords me great pleasure to report that harmony and peace have reigned supreme during the present year. All the Chapters are doing efficient work. To my mind this is due to the fact that there are many young Companions in office who are enthusiastic in attaining ritualistic perfection. I regret to have to report that it has been impossible for me to visit St. John's Chapter No. 6, Hamilton. I notified E. Comp. Dr. J. W. Bell, First Principal, that I would visit his Chapter officially at their regular convocation in October. In answer to this I was asked to postpone my visit until their regular convocation in December. I of course agreed, as it was the election of officers for St. John's Chapter. But unfortunately I was late for the train and did not get to Hamilton on that occasion, for which I am very sorry.

WHITE OAK CHAPTER, No. 104, OAKVILLE.—I visited this Chapter officially on October 24th. This being my mother Chapter I cannot say much of the good work that has been done in this Chapter. I have been in constant touch with the officers and members during the year and have witnessed the progress made with more than ordinary interest. E. Comp. W. T. Marlatt, First Principal, deserves a great deal of credit for the interest he has taken in this Chapter. The books are well taken care of under the keen eye of E. Comp. W. O. Joyce, Scribe E.

ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 75, MILTON.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on November 16th. A number of enthusiastic Companions were present, all willing to do their part when asked. The Chapter was opened and closed by E. Comp. Stark in a satisfactory manner, after which Comp. McKinnon and his officers opened a lodge of Mark Master Masons and conferred the degree with credit

to those taking part in it. There is certainly a keen interest in the work among the Companions of this Chapter and a strong desire to improve and deserve the appreciation of Grand Chapter. R. E. Comp. W. Panton, Scribe E., has his books well and neatly kept.

THE HIRAM CHAPTER, NO. 2, HAMILTON.—My official visit to this Chapter was on November 24th. After the ordinary routine of business was over I was asked by E. Comp. A. G. Bain, First Principal, to conduct the election of officers to which I responded with a great deal of pleasure. There was a very large attendance of right feeling Craftsmen, for all through the election there was not a shadow of discord, showing that as Craftsmen we should at all times work with love and harmony. R. E. Comp. Fred Walter, Scribe E., is master of the situation as secretary. With the able staff of officers which has been elected, Hiram Chapter has a bright prospect for the coming year.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 6, HAMILTON... It is a matter of deep regret that I could not visit this Chapter on the evening at first appointed in October, circumstances over which I had no control preventing. I was unable to visit the Chapter on December 11th, the date arranged. From all that I have heard and know of the good work that has been accomplished, for on several occasions I had the pleasure of seeing the exemplification of all the degrees, I can safely say that St. John's Chapter is noted for its ritualistic perfection. I still hope to have the pleasure of visiting this Chapter before my term of office expires. I received all notices promptly from their secretary, R. E. Comp. W. J. McAllister, Scribe E., who keeps all accounts of the Chapter in a business like manner.

In conclusion I desire to thank the Companions of Hamilton district for the honor conferred on me at the last convocation of Grand Chapter; and also to the various Companions for their kindness during my term of office, and I sincerely trust that the good fellowship existing at the present time throughout the district may continue for evermore.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. ROBINSON,
Grand Supt., Hamilton District, No. 5.

HAMILTON DISTRICT, No. 5

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	RECORD OF THE YEAR.																											
			Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended on Benev'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?
St. John's.	2	Hamilton.....	12	2	14	40	6	\$ 3.00	235	22	15	1	...	3	2	246	15	13	14	10	...	\$ 75.00	\$ 4,300.23	\$ 3,700.23	\$ 600.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 566.66	\$ 50.00	Good.	Yes
St. John's.	6	Hamilton.....	12	1	13	32	5	3.00	221	18	16	...	...	...	3	234	16	17	16	66	75.00	3,900.00	3,400.00	500.00	215.00	...	...	...	Good.	Yes
St. Clair.	75	Milton.....	10	...	10	11	1	3.00	33	8	6	...	2	...	...	37	6	6	6	8	15.00	396.50	96.50	300.00	35.00	200.00	5.00	Good.	Yes	
White Oak.	104	Oakville.....	11	...	11	16	4	3.00	48	4	4	1	...	11	1	50	4	4	4	35	...	335.25	135.25	200.00	129.65	200.00	10.00	Good.	Yes	

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada.*

As Grand Superintendent of Huron district No. 6, I beg to present my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district. I had the pleasure of visiting all the Chapters within my jurisdiction, and trying the work presented to me for inspection, and am able to say that it is uniform throughout the district, and has the mark of the workman upon it. A few of the older Chapters are not making that progress which might be expected, but in the main there is a healthy growth in the membership. The financial condition is in all cases sound, and good feeling and harmony prevail everywhere. I submit herewith a detailed statement of my visits to the various Chapters.

THE MALLOCH CHAPTER, No. 66, SEAFORTH.—I visited this Chapter officially at its regular convocation on Monday the 17th of April, when the M. E. M. degree was conferred upon a candidate by First Principal Barton. I was pleased to notice that the floor work, the proper rendering of which so largely makes or mars this degree, was performed with accuracy. The work of the officers was creditable; that of the First Principal would, I should judge, have been better had he not been burdened with a sense of being under inspection. The holding of a public meeting in the town, upon a question of local importance, interfered with the attendance, but I can safely say that the Chapter is flourishing and its prospects undoubtedly good.

HAVELOCK CHAPTER, No. 63, KINCARDINE.—This Chapter was visited by me on its regular convocation on Friday the 21st of April. One candidate was to have been received and acknowledged and two exalted, but owing to the non-attendance of one, the R. A. degree only was conferred. This was done by E. Comp. Hay, assisted by R. E. Comp. Hall, who gave the mystical lecture. It is sufficient to say that this Chapter fully sustains the record of capable and efficient work which it has


enjoyed in the past. The Craft in this town occupies the unique position of owning its own lodge room. The Chapter is free from debt, exhibits a steady and healthy growth, and its success is a matter of no doubt.

BERNARD CHAPTER, No. 146, LISTOWEL.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter officially on its regular convocation on Friday evening the 19th of May, when the R. A. degree was conferred upon several candidates by First Principal Thornton. This Chapter was only created last year and the state of efficiency which it has already attained is most creditable to the Principals who rule over it, and form an example to many older Chapters. I have nothing but commendation for the work of the First Principal, and those who so faithfully assist him, and admiration for the spirit which seems to animate the Chapter. As will be seen by its report, its growth during its brief existence has been rapid, and its future prosperity assured.

LUCKNOW CHAPTER, No. 147, LUCKNOW.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter at its regular convocation on Thursday the 25th day of May, and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. M. degree upon a candidate by E. Comp, First Principal Days. This Chapter is also a creation of last year, and considering its short lifetime the work of its officers is creditable. There was very little room for criticism, any faults arising rather from nervous anxiety than want of knowledge of the work. The Chapter is growing vigorous, and I anticipate for it a life of usefulness.

TECUMSEH CHAPTER, No. 24, STRATFORD.—I visited this Chapter officially on its regular convocation on Monday the 15th day of June, when the R. A. degree was conferred upon candidates by E. Comp. Stevenson. This is the oldest and largest Chapter in the district, and its work is faithful and accurate. Its financial condition is most satisfactory, its progress is marked, and care is taken that all new members are thoroughly grounded in their work. Great credit is due to E. Comp. Stevenson for the above condition of efficiency. I have since received invitations to attend other convocations of this Chapter and witness

the conferring of other degrees, and I regret very much that my engagements would not permit me to enjoy that pleasure, but I am satisfied that any and all work would be well done.

 LEBANON CHAPTER, No. 84, WINGHAM.—My official visit to this Chapter was made on its regular convocation on Tuesday the 18th day of July. The R. A. degree was conferred by E. First Principal Kennedy, the accuracy of whose work I can commend. It seemed to me however that there was a want of vitality in the Chapter as a whole. The work of the subordinate officers, though not open to marked criticism, seemed in some cases to be performed in a perfunctory manner. There have been several withdrawals during the year, the prospects are reported as "not very good," and I fear that the Chapter is standing still. I do not know the cause of this, and can only trust that a new start may be made with the coming year.

ELLIOT CHAPTER, No. 129, MITCHELL.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the 21st day of November. First Principal Babb, though present, was unwell, and the M. M. M. degree was exemplified by R. E. Comp. Elliot. The work of the R. E. Comp., who is a past master of Masonic lore, disarms criticism, and he was well supported by the subordinate officers. I have no hesitation in reporting favorably upon the condition and prospects of this Chapter.

SAUGEEN CHAPTER, No. 50, WALKERTON.—I visited this Chapter officially on Monday the 4th day of December, being obliged to call an emergent convocation for that purpose, to which the Chapter very kindly responded. There was no actual work, but E. First Principal Day exemplified the M. M. M. degree, with a volunteer candidate. This Chapter is not making the progress which its old-time reputation would lead one to expect. The membership has slightly fallen off. While only one new candidate has been received during the year and passed through the various degrees, with the inevitable result that a lack of practice was here and there observable in the work of the first Principal, who would other-

wise make an efficient officer. Financially it seems to be upon a sound basis, and I trust that the record of the next year will warrant a more favorable report of its prospects than that given this year of "only fair."

CHANCERY CHAPTER, No. 130, SOUTHAMPTON.—My official visit to this Chapter was made on its regular convocation on the 5th of December. My desire to visit all Chapters as far as possible on the night of their regular convocation threw me into the late season, and I unfortunately reached this Chapter on the night of its election of officers. There was therefore no work done nor any degree exemplified, but I was impressed with the unanimity of its choice of officers and the general zeal and good Masonic feeling which seemed to pervade the Chapter. So far as I was able to judge I have no hesitation in pronouncing the condition and prospects of this Chapter to be good.

ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 46, ST. MARYS.—I visited this Chapter officially on its regular convocation on the 11th of December. My visit again fell upon election night, but notwithstanding this First Principal Carman exemplified the R. A. degree, in the rendition of which there was little or no room for criticism in the work of either himself or his Principals or of his subordinate officers. The Chapter itself complains of difficulty in getting meetings which would seem to indicate a lack of enthusiasm amongst the Companions at large, and is certainly most discouraging to the Principals. In all other respects the Chapter appears to be in good condition, and I trust that there may be a sufficient infusion of new blood and new life during the coming year to cause the above difficulty to disappear.

HURON CHAPTER, No. 30, GODERICH.—I occupied the perhaps inconsistent position of First Principal of this Chapter, and therefore no visit of inspection was possible. I presided over the Chapter, however, at all its meetings and have pleasure in bearing testimony to the great assistance rendered to me by the officers and Companions. The prospects for this Chapter are bright and I have no fears for its future.

I also beg to report that I have conveyed to all the Chapters under my jurisdiction the wish of the Grand First Principal that a copy of the by-laws of each Chapter should be sent to him, and presented together with a copy of the Constitution to each candidate admitted. In many Chapters this has already been the practice, in some however the by-laws had never been printed, but in all cases they undertook to conform to this practice in the future.

In conclusion I wish to return my sincere thanks to all the Chapters of this district and their officers for the very hospitable and kind reception which I have in all cases received at their hands, and to assure them that anything in this report which savors of criticism is written not in that spirit but in an honest endeavor to fulfil the duties of my office, and improve the condition of the Royal Craft in the district over which I have had the honor to preside.

Fraternally submitted,

E. L. DICKINSON,

Grand Supt., Huron District, No. 6.

HURON DISTRICT, No. 6

CHAPTER	LOCATION.		Number.	Regular Meetings.																								Emergent.		Total.	Average Attendance Members.		Average Attendance Visitors.		Annual Dues, per Member.		No. Members last Return.		Petitions Accepted.		Candidates Initiated.		Affiliations.		Restorations.		Withdrawals.		Suspensions.		Deaths.		Present Membership.		M. M. M. Conf.		M. E. M. Conf.		R. A. Conf.		No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrear		Liabilities.		Assets.		Cash or Securities.		Property.		Dues Outstanding.		Amount Insurance.		Amount Expended in Benev'ce.		Prospects.		Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					

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NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district.

On account of unforeseen circumstances I have been unable to visit the Chapters in the district as often as I intended. I have visited every Chapter with the exception of MacCallum, Dunnville, my reason for not doing so appears in my report. I am pleased to be able to report that Royal Arch Masonry in this district continues to grow. The new work has met with the approval of every Chapter I have visited, and will encourage them to take even more interest in the progress of Royal Arch Masonry. I find them all willing and anxious to carry out the requests of the M. E. the Grand Z.

NIAGARA CHAPTER, NO. 55, NIAGARA.—I visited this Chapter on June 5th, when I had again the pleasure of meeting M. E. Comp. Wm. Roaf, Grand Z. The night was very dark and disagreeable, but notwithstanding, the attendance was good. The R.A. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Brown and his officers in an excellent manner. It was a surprise to find amongst the visitors R. E. Comp. Burch, E. Comp. Gourlay and ten other Companions who had driven through rain and mud from St. Catharines to visit Niagara Chapter. E. Comp. Gabriel Johnston, Willson Chapter, Welland, was also a visitor. The hospitality extended by this Chapter upheld the reputation they have gained; nothing was lacking to make the evening pleasant and profitable. I was pleased to meet R. E. Comp. Bottomley (who had been sick for some time) but as ready to extend the fraternal hand to all. This Chapter, though not the largest in the district, is one of the most prosperous and progressive.

MOUNT NEBO CHAPTER, NO. 76, NIAGARA FALLS S.—I visited this Chapter on Nov. 17th. Through a misunderstanding they did not expect me, and on that account

the attendance was not so large as it otherwise would have been; however, the attendance was very good. E. Comp. R. Murray, assisted by four Past Z's, conferred the M. M. M. degree on five candidates. The work was done in a very efficient manner. This Chapter has done a large amount of work during the past year, having initiated 35 candidates. I have seen the R. A. degree conferred by the officers of this Chapter and know that they do the work in a very creditable manner. The high esteem in which E. Comp. R. Murray is held by his Chapter was demonstrated by presenting him with a P. Z. regalia. This Chapter is the largest in the district and is in a very prosperous condition, with prospects of large additions in 1906.

MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, NO. 29, ST. CATHARINES.—I visited this Chapter on December 8th. The attendance was good. I had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comp. Bottomley, Niagara Chapter, and R. E. Comp. Malloy, of St. John's Chapter, Hamilton. The R. A. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Gourlay and his officers in a creditable and impressive manner. A pleasing feature was the conferring of the R. A. degree by E. Comp. Gourlay on his son. The convocation hall has been recently refitted and decorated, and is now the best in the district, a credit to the Companions of Mount Moriah Chapter and the city of St. Catharines. We were royally entertained in the banquet hall. R. E. Comp. Bottomley and R. E. Comp. Malloy represented the Grand Chapter and gave a great deal of important information and advice. E. Comp. Gourlay and other Companions also delivered addresses, which were appreciated. I invited the officers of this Chapter to pay a fraternal visit to King Hiram Chapter, Port Colborne, and confer the R. A. degree, and they at once cheerfully accepted the invitation. This Chapter is in a very prosperous and progressive condition.

GRIMSBY CHAPTER, NO. 69, GRIMSBY.—I visited this Chapter on December 11th. The attendance was large, doing credit to the Chapter. I had again the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comp. Bottomley, of Niagara. E. Comp. Harrison conferred the M. M. M. degree; the work was

done in an excellent manner, each officer doing his part well. I have not had the pleasure of seeing this Chapter working the R. A. degree but am assured the officers do all the degrees in an efficient manner. We spent a very enjoyable time in the banquet hall, R. E. Comp. Bottomley again doing justice to the Grand Chapter. E. Comp. Harrison and other Companions made very instructive addresses, which were heartily applauded. This Chapter is prosperous and united, and has a very bright future for 1906.

KING HIRAM CHAPTER, No. 57, PORT COLBORNE.—I visited this Chapter on December 14th, accompanied by Comp. Geo. H. Pettit, Willson Chapter, Welland. The R. A. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Gourlay, assisted by the officers of Mount Moriah Chapter, St. Catharines. The work was done in a creditable manner and much appreciated by the Companions of King Hiram. The attendance was not large. A great many members are mariners and they can only attend during the winter months. The Chapter has not been able to do much work during the past year. However, from the sentiments expressed by the Companions I have every reason to believe that this Chapter is on the eve of prosperity. The visitors were hospitably entertained and the several speakers encouraged the Companions by kind words and practical advice, which will help them to put new life into their work. The new officers are determined to make 1906 a banner year.

WILLSON CHAPTER, No. 64, WELLAND.—This being my mother Chapter I have attended nearly every convocation during the past year. I visited this Chapter officially on November 29th, and installed the officers. Although they had no work on hand for that night, I have seen the work done in all the degrees by E. Comp. Johnston and his officers, and know that it is done in a creditable manner. This Chapter is in a very prosperous condition and the new officers will have a large amount of work to do during 1906. At my own request the usual banquet was dispensed with. Before closing the Chapter many kind words were expressed by all the Companions,

which were enjoyed and appreciated. I regret that I have to report the death of R. E. Comp. I. P. Willson, a charter member of Willson Chapter, being the oldest and one of the best informed Masons in the district. His death is deplored, and the loss will be felt by not only the Companions of his own Chapter, but by those throughout the whole district.

MCCALLUM CHAPTER, NO. 29, DUNNVILLE.—I regret that I have been unable to visit this Chapter. I had arranged to pay my official visit in December, but received a message that it would be impossible to get the Companions together on the date selected. This Chapter has had the credit of doing excellent work in the past, and I am very much disappointed that I have been unable to see the present officers do the work.

Before closing I must thank the Companions of the district for the honor conferred in selecting me as the Grand Superintendent, and for the kind manner in which they have received me. I have also to thank the Scribes E. for the courteous treatment I have at all times received from them.

Fraternally submitted.

D. Ross,
Grand Supt., Niagara District, No. 7.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 7

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergency.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended on Renew'ee	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees?	
			13	3	16	21	23	100	3	12	..	1	1	..	2	109	12	10	12	66	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		Good.	Yet
Mt. Moriah.....	19	St. Catharines.....	8	4	12	16	21	2.1-20	32	3	3	35	3	3	4	4	47.00	575.00	75.00	500.00	500.00	329.00	500.00	5.00	Good.	Yet
Niagara.....	55	Niagara.....	4	3	7	10	11.50	44	9	6	1	49	6	7	7	5	..	400.00	..	50.00	300.00	50.00	300.00	..	Good.	Yet
MacCallum.....	29	Dunnville.....	4	1	5	10	12.1-50	24	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	24	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	50.00	..	Good.	Yet
King Hiram.....	57	Port Colborne.....	7	5	12	20	53.00	68	3	4	..	..	..	..	3	69	3	4	4	50	..	150.00	200.00	150.00	..	..	..	Good.	Yet
Willson.....	64	Welland.....	9	2	11	14	41.50	60	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	62	3	3	1	17	..	486.40	86.40	400.00	54.40	400.00	5.00	Good.	Yet
Grimsby.....	69	Grimsby.....	12	5	17	24	23.00	115	33	55	..	..	..	..	1	150	35	55	29	70	..	..	475.00	290.00	290.00	150.00	..	Excellent.	Yet
Mount Nebo.....	76	Niagara Falls, So..																											Yet	

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 8.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

It affords me great pleasure to submit for your consideration my report on the condition and progress of Capitulary Masonry in the Toronto district for the past year; and I shall endeavor in doing so to be as brief as possible. To this end I shall make no mention of events of a social nature, for however pleasing these functions have been to me, I am conscious of the fact that to others they have no direct bearing on the subject of this report. I do not wish, however, for the sake of brevity to appear ungrateful to the Chapters throughout the district for the great and many kindnesses shown to me, nor do I wish to under-estimate the importance of the social element of Masonry. The Companions of every Chapter I have visited have kindly received and hospitably entertained me.

Regarding the state of Royal Arch Masonry in the Toronto district, I am glad to report that as a whole it is in a most satisfactory condition. In nearly all the Chapters I have been impressed with the uniformity of the work done, which I think amply testifies to the good and faithful services performed by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, who was my immediate predecessor in office, as well as to the good judgment of the Companions of the various Chapters in selecting enthusiastic and capable officers. I am pleased to be able to state that the utmost peace and harmony prevails throughout the district and that prosperity and progress are the watchwords all along the line.

I have visited each Chapter in the district on the dates below mentioned, and nearly all of them on other occasions: King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, September 26th; St. Paul's Chapter, No. 65, Toronto, October 11th; Occident Chapter, No. 77, Toronto, October 13th; Antiquity Chapter, No. 91, Toronto, October 16th; The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, Toronto, October 21st; Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto, October 26th; Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge, November 17th; St.

Andrew's and St. John's Chapter, No. 4, Toronto, May 12th; Doric Chapter, No. 60, Newmarket, November 1st; Shekinah Chapter, No. 138, Toronto Junction, November 14th; York Chapter, No. 62, Eglinton, every meeting.

During the year no new Chapters have been constituted, but large additions to the membership roll of almost every Chapter in the district have been made, consequently their financial condition has greatly improved, and the uniformly good work done together with the established system of visiting has made every regular meeting almost as good as a Chapter of Instruction. I wish at this point to thank my district secretary, V. E. Comp. D. Robertson, Past Z. of York Chapter, who in the discharge of his duties has rendered valuable assistance to me. Finally, I desire to congratulate the M. E. the Grand Z. and the other officers of Grand Chapter on the marvellous progress which Royal Arch Masonry has made, not only in the Toronto district but all over our Grand jurisdiction during the year 1905.

Fraternally submitted,

R. J. GIBSON,

Grand Supt., Toronto District, No. 8.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Georgian District, No. 9.

The Chapters which comprise the district are: Manitou, No. 27, Signet, No. 34; Georgian, No. 56; Grand River, No. 70; Macpherson, No. 86; St. John's, No. 103, and Amabel, No. 131.

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER, No. 70, BRACEBRIDGE.—Was visited on the 16th day of November, 1905. This Chapter is in good healthy condition. The opening and business of the Chapter was performed in a very creditable manner and the books are kept in the best of order, proving the correctness and efficiency of the Scribe E. The M. M. M. degree was conferred upon three candidates in an able and efficient manner by the First Principal.

MACPHERSON CHAPTER, No. 86, MEAFORD.—Was visited on the 17th day of November, 1905. I found this Chapter in excellent condition. The business of the Chapter was conducted in a very creditable manner. The books are kept in the best of order, testifying to the attention and efficiency of the Scribe E. The M. M. M. degree was conferred in a very creditable manner by the Z. All the officers and Companions show great enthusiasm in the Royal Craft.

AMABEL CHAPTER, No. 131, WIARTON.—Was visited on the 20th day of November, 1905. Through some miscarriage of correspondence a meeting was not arranged I examined the books and found them well kept and in perfect order. This Chapter is the youngest in the district, and is in excellent condition.

GEORGIAN CHAPTER, No. 56, OWEN SOUND.—Was visited on the 21st day of November, 1905. On arrival I was met by R. E. Comp. A. Cameron and E. Comp.

MacKenzie, First Principal of the Chapter. I was very much pleased at the able manner in which the First Principal and officers performed their duties. They are well versed in the Royal Craft.

MANITOU CHAPTER, No. 27, COLLINGWOOD—Was visited on the 22nd day of November. The R. A. degree was conferred by the first Principal of the Chapter, both he and the officers having their work down perfect, showing great interest in the various degrees.

SIGNET CHAPTER, No. 34, BARRIE.—Was visited on the 23rd day of November. Owing to difficulties over which none had control a meeting was not arranged. I inspected the books and found them neatly and well kept and vouched by R. E. Comp. J. W. Hallett that the First Principal could work all the degrees in an able and satisfactory manner.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 103, NORTH BAY.—Was visited on the 1st day of December, 1905. Lack of interest on the part of the First Principal kept him from being present. This was counterbalanced by the interest and enthusiasm displayed by previous First Principals and the other Companions present. This Chapter is in good healthy condition, and I bespeak for it a prosperous future.

Finally, I may add I visited all the Chapters in the district and find pleasure in stating that peace and harmony prevail throughout. No differences of opinion requiring legislation have been reported, and I have been spared the necessity of performing a duty frequently of an unpleasant nature. I predict a prosperous future for all and a hearty welcome to my successor in office.

Fraternally submitted,

J. T. LOVELL.

Grand Supt., Georgian District, No. 9

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Report.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restoration.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrear	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.	Prospect	
									\$														\$	\$	\$	\$				
Manitou.....	27	Collingwood.....	9	2	11	19	3	1.50	89	6	6	..	..	..	..	2	93	6	8	7	65	..	..	25.00	200.00	171.52	200.00	..	Good.
Signet.....	34	Barrie.....	9	..	9	12	..	2.00	166	25	29	..	..	5	..	..	181	20	20	18	44	15.00	1383.00	1083.00	300.00	323.00	300.00	10.00	Excel'nt
Georgian.....	56	Owen Sound.....	10	3	13	17	1	1.20	59	15	15	3	..	..	..	..	111	15	13	10	40	..	100.00	208.00	..	200.00	200.00	15.50	Good.
Grand River.....	70	Bracebridge.....	10	1	11	11	1	2.00	94	9	8	..	1	2	2	1	62	8	5	6	19	35.00	50.82	350.00	250.00	50.82	150.00	15.00	Vy. Goo	
Macpherson.....	86	Meaford.....	8	3	11	12	3	2.00	43	3	3	46	3	4	..	16	..	130.00	140.00	Good.
St. John's.....	103	North Bay.....	12	1	13	12	1	2.00	63	10	10	1	..	1	..	1	72	10	9	10	24	50.00	308.59	308.59	250.00	141.50	200.00	..	Good.	
Amabel.....	131	Warton.....	10	..	10	12	1	2.00	34	4	4	38	4	4	4	15	35.00	271.60	71.60	200.00	107.60	Good.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada ;

I herewith have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Ontario District, No. 10, and have pleasure in stating that peace and fraternal love have prevailed throughout the year. May such conditions long continue. I have visited all the Chapters officially and some of them more than once fraternally, and there seems to be a feeling that fraternal visits between Chapters should be more frequent, as both visitor and visited are benefitted thereby. The work done throughout the district has been very uniform, leaving very little room for criticism except in a few minor details, which would add to the smoothness of the working in a few cases; but taken as a district the work has been well done. The requests to the Chapters to send copies of their by-laws to G. S. E. for comparison as to uniformity has been duly complied with and each Chapter strongly recommended to do so, also the renewal of the ceremonies of the M. E. M. has been universally adopted and has given more zest to that beautiful degree.

PENTALPHA CHAPTER, No. 28, OSHAWA.—I have visited this Chapter at three different convocations and found the work on each occasion very instructive and complete. E. Comp. Grierson has all the lectures, charges, etc., at his command and being an adept in speech is able to convey the same in a clear and comprehensive manner. R. E. Comp. Henry sees to it that no errors are allowed to pass, either in floor work or ceremony; while R. E. Comp. L. K. Murton has his books and papers very accurate. The attendance on the occasion of my visit was fair to good, and complete harmony prevailed. This Chapter has very much improved within the past few years, and I know no reason why prosperity should not continue, as those elected to fill the offices for the next year seem to be fully capable for the work. The prospects are good, with plenty of good material in sight.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, NO. 35, WHITBY.—At the request of the First Principal, E. Comp. Britton, I officially visited this my mother Chapter on the 21st of October, and took part, as usual, in conferring the R. A. degree. It is an established rule in this Chapter that merit and qualification only obtain promotion, consequently the Companions make a study of the work and thus prepare themselves for further usefulness and advancement. Under the kindly criticisms of such Companions and veterans in the Craft as R. E. Companions Taylor and Ross, E. Companions White, Britton and others, a very high standard of efficiency has obtained in Keystone Chapter. The books are kept by E. Comp. Luke in an exemplary shape and the audit report annually made and submitted to the Chapter is most satisfactory. I had the pleasure of installing and investing the new officers last month, and they now take hold of their work in a masterly and capable manner. The prospects of this Chapter are very good and the dues well paid up.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, NO. 36, PETERBOROUGH.—I visited this Chapter on Nov, 24th. It has the finest and best equipped hall in this district, and the work done reflects great credit on the officers and Companions who took part in it. E. Comp. Wilson, Z., occupied the First Principal's chair in a very efficient style. The exemplification of the standards and banners in connection with the lecture was exceedingly well rendered. The preliminary degrees as well as the Royal Arch were all put on, several Past Z's taking past, which was pleasant to witness. After labour an adjournment was made to the spacious banquetting hall, where a hospitable repast was provided and enjoyed, after which speech and song enlivened the hour. The toast of Grand Chapter was royally received, showing the loyalty of the Companions of Corinthian Chapter. R. E. Comp. Walkey, the Scribe E., has his books and papers in excellent and orderly style, and proves a most efficient and capable officer, the dues being well paid up with a large surplus in the bank. The prospects of this Chapter are very good. The examination of a candidate in the Royal Arch degree was a pleasing feature. His answers were strictly accurate and a model for many older Companions.

VICTORIA CHAPTER, No. 37, PORT HOPE.—This Chapter was officially visited by me on the 10th of November. The work was election of officers, E. Comp. Noble, P. Z., presiding in the absence of the First Principal, E. Comp Bell, who was absent through illness. The election was conducted in a very graceful and harmonious spirit, and the newly elected officers seemed to be fully qualified to fill their respective offices. It seems to be the imperative rule in this Chapter that the prospective officers must be fully qualified to fill the offices previous to their election; hence the high standing of this Chapter in this district and jurisdiction. When such Companions as R. E. Companions Might, Evans, Smart and other veterans in the Royal Craft are regular in attendance at the convocations to aid by their presence and counsel, the success of the Chapter is fully assured. E. Comp. J. W. Sanders, Scribe E., who has his books in perfect order, is a very capable and painstaking officer and has the approbation of all his Companions. The prospects of this Chapter are bright.

EXCELSIOR CHAPTER, No. 45, COLBORNE.—I officially visited this Chapter on May 7th. The M. E. M. degree was conferred in a correct and impressive manner and showed with what care their work was performed. E. Comp. McGlennon, Z., occupied the chair, ably assisted by Companions who seemed quite familiar with the different offices and could fill any of them efficiently. This Chapter can be relied upon for doing the work properly, the only drawback being the lack of Companions. The Chapter has some seventy members, and could easily boast a larger attendance. I had the pleasure of meeting several Companions of Excelsior Chapter when visiting at Warkworth, where E. Comp. Smith accompanied me, in a drive of 17 miles, which was very agreeable to me. The Chapter hall is nicely arranged and comfortable. E. Comp. Thorne has his books in excellent shape, the dues are well paid up, and the Chapter seems to be in a good condition to extend its usefulness.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, No. 48, COBOURG.—I visited this Chapter Sept. 8th, and was received with honors. The Companions have a very fine hall and all the appoint-

ments are excellent. There was a very thin attendance, only nine out of a membership of forty-eight being present. The chair was well filled by E. Comp. Hewson, Z., and the work of conferring the Mark Master degree was well put on, also the Royal Arch. The manner in which the Principal Sojourner preformed his work was particularly meritorious, both in accuracy and elocution. E. Comp. Mallory and others took part in the work in the absence of some of the officers, while the Scribe E., Comp. R. Buck seemed to be capable of efficiently filling any office in the Chapter. The books are neatly and carefully kept and show a correct knowledge of bookkeeping, though the ledger shows too much outstanding dues. The prospects are favorable in the near future for a larger increase in membership.

MIDLAND CHAPTER, No. 94, LINDSAY.—I visited this Chapter on the 17th of November, also on Nov. 29th, and in both cases was warmly received. The three degrees were given by E. Comp. W. R. Kelly, Z., in a very effective and impressive manner. Some of the officers were absent at both visits. The attendance was light, although those who were present showed considerable zeal and enthusiasm in their work. There seems to be no reason why Midland Chapter should not become soon a leading Chapter in the district, as the officers and Companions who were present showed marked ability in their work. The capable Scribe E., Comp. G. S. Patrick, being on a visit to New York, his place was filled by a veteran of 38 or 40 years' Masonic standing who performed the work with fervency and zeal. The condition and prospects are good but the average attendance is small for so large a membership, although a gain of eleven was made this year. The "fourth" degree was exemplified in a most satisfactory manner and an hour of fraternal greetings was followed by Auld Lang Syne.

WARKWORTH CHAPTER, No. 110, WARKWORTH.—I visited this Chapter on December 13th, and found several old Companions of whose ability to do good work no one will dispute, but there certainly seems to be a lack of zeal and energy, as there have been so few regular convocations held during the year. The work for the evening being

election of officers, E. Comp. Humphries, who has been Z. for a number of years, was again chosen, although protesting vigorously against his re-election. The other officers elected were worthy young men of ability, and I have no doubt will fill their respective offices with credit to the Chapter and to themselves. Comp. P. S. Ewing as Scribe E. would be an acquisition to any Chapter. By his well-kept books and records he was re-elected. All the Companions present were enthusiastic, but they were too few in number. The janitor, Comp. Outram, has been in Masonic harness for over 30 years and Comp. Hamilton nearly the same period. Neither of them miss a meeting. As for E. Comp. Humphries, he is complete master of the lectures and ceremonies in connection with the Royal Craft, having spent many years in the work. The hope is that with the new officers there will be a revival of interest as there is abundant material within a short distance of Warkworth Chapter. After labour came refreshment, which was enjoyed, and an hour was pleasantly spent in fraternal intercourse which brought to a close a very pleasant and, I hope, profitable convocation.

KING DARIUS CHAPTER, NO. 134, CANNINGTON.—I had the pleasure of officially visiting this Chapter on the 28th of June. E. Comp. Kift, Z., presided, and when the Chapter was opened your representative was introduced by E. Comp. Robinson and fittingly received. Business being over the Chapter was called off in the correct form and a lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened. A candidate was introduced who, to get his degree, had ridden on a bicycle four miles and then driven twelve miles. The degree was conferred in a very impressive manner, the Companions taking an active part in the work. As this is comparatively a new Chapter and the members mostly young men, I look for a very prosperous Chapter in the near future. After the R. A. degree had been conferred in a masterly and impressive manner the Chapter was closed in regular form, after which the Companions were hospitably entertained in the commodious rooms of E. Comp. Kift, where a happy fraternal hour was spent. E. Comp. W. H. Bick, Scribe E. has his books in excellent form, with the dues well paid up. I believe the prospects of this Chapter are very good.

ST. ANDREW'S CHAPTER, NO. 139, HAVELOCK.—I officially visited this Chapter on the 15th of November, and found that it had been through some tribulation on account of a fire that recently occurred and consumed all their effects. The Companions seemed to have lost heart, owing partly to being a scattered community and partly to not having a lively leader who could inspire them with holy zeal. The lack of an instructor in the mode of procedure under the circumstances was a drawback and I have no doubt had the Scribe E. better understood his duties and fulfilled them, the Chapter would have made better progress. The officers had been elected for over one year but had never been installed, and although two candidates had been accepted at a previous convocation, they had not been advanced. They had received their summons and were on hand on several occasions. The books were not in a satisfactory state at the time of my visit, so that I could not find out what had actually taken place during the year, but with the assistance of some of the formerly installed officers the M. E. M. degree was conferred. E. Comp. Dr. J. Holdcroft, Z., was summoned by telegraph to attend a case six miles away, just as the Chapter was opened, as had been done before, thus depriving the Chapter of his valuable services. But at the express wish of the Companions I accepted the invitation and continued the work with the assistance of those present. After the work was over a fraternal hour was spent in instruction and admonition, followed by a very pleasant and appetizing repast. I recommended them to have another election of officers at as early a date as possible, and I would endeavor to get them installed and invested near the new year. I understood the election had taken place and I had requested R.E. Comp. Walkey, of Peterborough, to install the officers, but he could not attend at the time agreed on. The acting Scribe E., Comp. Craig, requested me (by phone) to do the work, but I had arranged to install in another Chapter on the same evening and had to decline. Fortunately, however, R.E. Comp. Murch, of Kingston, happened along and I understand did the work very efficiently, so that I expect and hope with the zeal of Companions Craig, Noble and

others, St. Andrew's is again on its way to progress and prosperity. The Companions are enthusiastic and filled with a desire to excel and will ere long enjoy the success they so well deserve.

PRESQ' ISLE CHAPTER, NO. 144, BRIGHTON.—This being the youngest Chapter in the district, I selected it for my first official visit and was very agreeably surprised at the accuracy and excellence of the work. Not expecting to find such perfection in a baby not yet one year old. The M. E. M. was worked with as much ardor, zeal and precision as if the officers were veterans in the work. First Principal Becker, in the chair, conferred the degree and did the work in a very pleasing and impressive manner. The opening and closing in the Royal Arch was especially well done and no prompting was required in the case of any officer. The books are kept in a clean, business-like manner, showing the actual state of affairs in a moment's investigation. The Scribe E., Comp. F. A. M. Roblin, is a man of weight and can be depended upon that the books will be well kept and dues promptly paid. After business was concluded all sat down to a unique and abundant feast, where a very pleasant and profitable hour was spent. Presqu' Isle is all right.

In concluding my report permit me to say that the courtesy extended to me by the Companions in all the Chapters deserves my sincere thanks, and the loyalty to the Grand Chapter and its officers, as expressed by them, was most gratifying. I would also acknowledge the very kind and courteous way the Grand Scribe E. has replied to all matters submitted to him, and his instructions were most valuable.

I also wish to express my thanks to the Companions of the district for the honor conferred on me at last annual convocation of Grand Chapter and sincerely hope that my efforts to fill the office of Grand Superintendent have not been in vain. I wish all the Companions a happy and prosperous New Year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. L. HUGGARD,
Grand Supt., Ontario District, No. 10

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No. 10

CHAPTER	number.	LOCATION.†														Prospects.										
		Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Revenue.
Pentalpha.....	28	9 ..	9 18	21.50	66	3 4	0 0	2 0	0 0	70	4 6	6 26	\$	\$550.00	150.00	400.00	150.00	200.00	11.50	Good.						
Keystone.....	35	11 ..	11 12	21.00	76	3 3	..	..	..	79	3 3	3 23	..	350.00	..	350.00	..	200.00	5.00	Good.			
Corinthian.....	36	10	212 21	23.00	080	14 14	..	1 ..	..	93	14 14	13 11	..	800.00	200.00	600.00	44.25	2 Fully	10.00	3 V. good.					
Victoria.....	37	11	112 25	12.00	79	14 12	..	1 2	..	89	12 12	12 21	..	748.83	468.83	300.00	69.80	300.00	20.00	5 V. good.						
St. John's.....	48	6	1 7 12	32.00	45	2 2	..	..	..	47	2 2	1 7	..	85.00	..	100.00	85.00	..	..	6	
Excelsior.....	45	11 ..	11 15	21.00	82	4 4	..	13 3	..	92	12 13	14 3	..	50.00	..	500.00	40.00	300.00	5.00	Good.						
Midland.....	94	7	4 11 13	21.00	81	10 12	..	1 2	..	92	12 13	14 13	45.00	365.50	89.00	225.00	51.50	175.00	1.00	Fair to g'd						
Warkworth.....	110	3 ..	3 18	11.00	48	..	..	..	..	48	..	2 30	..	150.00	100.00	50.00	120.00	..	5.00	Fair.		
King Darius.....	134	10	4 14 12	32.00	31	7 7	1 ..	..	..	1	37	7 4	..	275.00	..	275.00	..	200.00	..	Good.				
* St. Andrew's.....	139
Presqu' Isle.....	144	11 ..	11 15	20 1.00	17	20 18	34	18 15	15 ..	100.00	400.00	..	400.00	15.00	Good.

REMARKS:—1 Non-resident dues, \$1.50. 2 Dues usually paid 1st meeting in Jan. 3 Insured in Trust. Excellent = Hall and well equipped. 4 Good average attendance. Hall well furnished. 5 Fair in near future. 6 Slack attendance, commodious Hall. 7 All but R.A. This is a bright showing, and should do good work. 8 No return.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 11.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

As Grand Superintendent I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Prince Edward District, No. 11, for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1905.

THE MOIRA CHAPTER, No. 7, BELLEVILLE.—I visited this Chapter on May 2nd, accompanied by E. Comp. S. B. McClung, Z., E. Comp. Geo. R. Robertson, I. P. Z., and Companions Service, Warner and Robt. Robertson, of St. Mark's Chapter. The night being rather stormy the attendance was not up to its usual mark, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in spirit. The M. M. M. and M. E. M. degrees were conferred, the latter by special request for the benefit of the Companions of St. Mark's Chapter, Trenton. It was indeed a pleasure to see the smiling countenance of R. E. Comp. W. A. Webster, a Past Grand Supt. of the district, at this convocation. He is always ready for work. The prospects for this Chapter are bright. The books are kept in splendid shape by Comp. Wm. McKeown, Scribe E.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 72, STIRLING.—I visited Stirling on June 15th, accompanied by E. Comp. S. B. McClung, Z., of St. Mark's. The work of the evening was the conferring of the R. A. degree on two candidates. This Chapter labors under a very great disadvantage in not having a quorum in the village, and as the outside members have to travel some distance to attend the convocations it oftentimes happens that it is very late before work commences, and it so happened on the occasion of my official visit. The books are well looked after by R. E. Comp. J. Earl Halliwell. The prospects of the Chapter are fair.

PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, No. 31, PICTON.—I visited this Chapter on June 19th, and while the weather was very warm still Prince Edward Chapter maintained her reputation for good attendance by 55 members appearing

at this Convocation. The R. A. degree was conferred by E. Comp. Wright and his staff of officers in their usual creditable manner. The Scribe E., Comp. John L. Graydon, still maintains his reputation as being a model officer.

MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, No. 44, NAPANEE.—I visited this Chapter on June 21st. It was especially pleasing to me as Napanee was the scene of my boyhood days. There was a M. M. M. degree to be conferred, but as the candidate failed to put in an appearance, I was unable to see any work performed, although I was fully assured by both R. E. Companions Walters and Fennell that the officers were well capable of conferring the degrees. I also had the pleasure of meeting R. E. Comp. Murch, of Kingston, at this convocation. The books are well kept by R. E. Comp. J. G. Fennell.

CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.—Early in the year I conceived the idea of holding a Chapter of Instruction for this district, and in making my official visits was assured of the hearty support of the different Chapters. On Oct. 27th, 1905, a Chapter of Instruction was held at Trenton, when the M. M. M. degree was exemplified by St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton, E. Comp. S. B. McClung, Z., officiating, assisted by his officers. The M. E. M. degree was exemplified by The Moira Chapter, No. 7, Belleville, under the guidance of E. Comp. W. S. Morden, Z., assisted by his staff of officers. The R. A. degree was conferred on 14 candidates by E. Comp. R. E. Wright, Z., of Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, Picton, ably assisted by his officers. The work in all the degrees was correctly exemplified. We also had with us two distinguished visitors in the persons of the M. E. the Grand Z. Comp. Wm. Roaf, K. C., of Toronto, and the R. E. the Grand J. Comp. Geo. Moore, of Hamilton, to whose addresses the Companions listened with rapt attention. No doubt this Chapter of Instruction will be of great benefit to all, and more especially to St. Mark's, No. 26. A banquet was served at the close of the Chapter, and after the inner man was well served the usual list of toasts was proposed and responded to in a hearty manner.

ST. MARK'S CHAPTER, NO. 26, TRENTON.—This being my mother Chapter I delayed my visit to the end of the year. This I made on Dec. 12th, and was very cordially received and spent an enjoyable evening. The M. M. M. degree was conferred on one candidate in a manner as only St. Mark's can do it, that is, second to none. I am pleased to say that this has been the banner year for St. Mark's. The statistical table will show the results.

I am pleased to report that harmony and good-will prevails throughout the district. Nothing has been done to give the Grand Supt. any special work, for which I am truly thankful. Capitular Masonry is in a healthy and prosperous condition and "the fourth degree" is worked to the full limit by all the Chapters.

Before concluding I am sorry to state that the grim reaper has claimed four of our Companions in the district, one of whom was E. Comp. John Coleman, a past Third Principal of St. Mark's Chapter. In concluding I desire to thank the Companions of the district for the high honor they conferred on me in electing me to the position of Grand Superintendent. I also wish to thank the Scribes E. of the different Chapters for the promptness they displayed in sending the usual summonses and in answering any and all correspondence which was required of them. Finally, I can assure my successor a district in a flourishing condition.

Fraternally submitted,

R. H. SPENCER,

Grand Supt., Prince Edward District, No. 11.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. II

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended on Benev'ce.	Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees?
The Moira.....	7	Belleville.....	9	2	11	27	42.00	\$ 101	9	9	9	1	1	1	1	1	109	9	7	7	31	300.00	\$ 1,840.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,200.	\$ 140.00	\$ 12.00.	\$ 15.00	Good.	Yes
St. Mark's.....	26	Trenton.....	10	2	12	20	22.00	56	21	21	1	1	1	2	2	2	73	21	18	18	37	68.55	582.58	234.48	256.80	91.30	200.00	.....	V. Bright.	Yes
Prince Edward..	31	Pictou.....	10	1	10	30	21.50	173	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	178	6	7	7	14	.....	325.00	250.00	.....	75.00	3	15.00	Bright.	Yes
Mount Sinai....	44	Napanee.....	7	1	7	13	11.50	54	1	1	2	1	2	3	3	3	54	1	1	1	23	.....	556.44	97.69	400.00	58.75	300.00	20.00	Good.	Yes
Keystone.....	72	Stirling.....	8	1	8	11	13.00	47	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	51	3	3	3	4	.....	391.00	64.00	200.00	127.00	150.00	.....	Fair.	Yes

REMARKS—1Non-Resident Dues, \$1.00. 2Jointly with Blue.]

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

As Grand Superintendent for St. Lawrence district, No. 12, I beg to submit my report on the state of Capitular Masonry in the district.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, NO. 112, MORRISBURG.—Accompanied by R. E. Comp. I. F. Graham, P. G. Supt. of the district, I made my first official visit to St. John's Chapter, Morrisburg, on February 24th. Making my visit at so early a date in the current year I could not reasonably expect that the newly elected officers would have their work up in a perfect manner, yet with the assistance of R. E. Comp. Graham, E. Comp. Bradfield with his assistants conferred the M. M. degree in a very acceptable manner. The books in the hands of Scribe E. Massey are kept in good form.

SUSSEX CHAPTER, NO. 59, AND ST. LAWRENCE CHAPTER, NO. 100, BROCKVILLE, in joint convocation, I visited on the evening of March 17th, on which occasion the M. M. M. degree was conferred, the officers of each Chapter taking a part of the ceremony and performing their several duties in a very finished manner. After labor came refreshment, and all repaired to the spacious dining hall, where a sumptuous banquet was provided. An hour or two of social intercourse, speech and song, and the joining of hands in "Auld Lang Syne" brought a very pleasant and profitable meeting to a close.

ANCIENT FRONTENAC AND CATARAQUI CHAPTER, NO. 1, was visited May 19th, on the occasion of the presentation by M. E. Grand First Principal Wm. Roaf, assisted by M. E. Grand Third Principal George Moore and Past Grand Supt. W. S. R. Murch, of a beautiful cabinet of silver and an illuminated address from Grand Chapter to M. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw, Past Grand Z. Following this very interesting ceremony the R. A. degree was conferred on twelve candidates in a manner that left no

room for criticism save of a flattering nature. The books in the hands of Scribe E. Turner are kept in a very efficient manner. A banquet, provided at the British American Hotel, followed, to which the Craft did ample justice. The usual toast list called forth speech and song and closed one of the most interesting and instructive Masonic meetings it was ever my privilege to attend.

LEEDS CHAPTER, NO. 131, GANANOQUE.—I visited on July 5th, when I again had the pleasure of meeting M. E. Companions W. Roaf, Grand Z., A. Shaw, P. G. Z., and R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, P. G. Supt., and to these officers during whose term of office the baby Chapter of this jurisdiction first saw light it must have been an inspiration, as it was to me, to see classes of thirty-seven candidates kneel at the altar and take upon themselves the solemn obligation of the Holy Royal Arch degree. The conferring of the degree by the officers of the Chapter, assisted by V. E. Comp. Skinner in the mystical lecture, was faultless. The banquet which followed at the Hurley House was a very enjoyable one and brought to a close a most interesting meeting.

COVENANT CHAPTER, NO. 113, CORNWALL, I visited, accompanied by R. E. Comp. I. F. Graham, Oct. 18th. Though the weather was very unfavorable a goodly number of the Companions were present, and having no work on, E. Comp. Bisset, First Principal, and his assistants conferred by proxy the R. A. degree in a very creditable manner, giving evidence of efficiency in the conferring of the degrees on regular candidates. Comp. Ridley is proving himself a very painstaking and efficient Scribe E. Following the close of the Chapter refreshments were served and an hour or two spent in social intercourse, interspersed with the usual speechifying, etc.

GRENVILLE CHAPTER, NO. 22, PRESCOTT.—I attended every regular convocation of this, my home Chapter, and made an informal official visit on December 12th. While I am credited in Grand Chapter report with filling the chair of First Principal, this is a mistake, for the chair has been very ably filled by E. Comp. F. S. Evanson, who,

with his assistant officers, have done very efficient work in the conferring of degrees, while the books have been very efficiently kept by E. Comp. Scribe E. George Rook.

MAITLAND CHAPTER, No. 86, NORTH AUGUSTA, was visited December 15th. This Chapter being a rural one, and many of the Companions living at a considerable distance, the attendance was small. However, I can echo the statement of my predecessor in office, R. E. Comp. Mowat, that "the Companions of Maitland Chapter are good Royal Arch Masons and a lot of jolly good fellows." E. Comp. Waddell, First Principal, and his assistant officers are efficient in opening and closing the Chapter in the several degrees. After the meeting an adjournment was made to the dining room, when after doing justice to the good things provided a very enjoyable hour was spent socially.

In concluding this report of my term of office, I desire to express to the Companions of the district my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me at the last convocation of Grand Chapter, and for the unfailing kindnesses and courtesies extended to me on the occasion of my official visits. I desire also to express my thanks to M. E. Comp. Roaf, Grand Z., M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, and P. G. Supt. Murch, for kind expressions of encouragement and counsel, and to R. E. Comp. Graham, P. G. Supt., for his company on two of my official visits.

Finally I take great pleasure in saying that the utmost harmony and good feeling exists in the district, and during my term of office I have had no vexed questions to settle.

Fraternally submitted,

W. A. LOGAN,

Grand Supt., St. Lawrence District, No. 12.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 12

CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Mem'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended on Renewal	Prospect.
Ancient Frontenac and Cataract.	1	Kingston.	10	1	11	14	43.00	70	20	12	12	8	2	80	12	12	12	12	12	8	350.00	50.00	300.00	168.25	200.00	200.00	Good.		
Grenville.	22	Prescott.	11	1	12	10	12.00	65	6	6	6	6	1	70	6	6	5	15	463.00	179.00	150.00	133.50	200.00	200.00	Good.				
Sussex.	59	Brockville.	9	1	10	15	32.00	92	8	8	1	1	1	101	8	7	7	19	463.00	125.00	150.00	65.00	200.00	200.00	Good.				
St. Lawrence.	100	Brockville.	8	4	12	12	42.00	69	10	8	8	1	1	75	8	8	9	18	463.00	125.00	150.00	65.00	200.00	200.00	Good.				
St. John's.	112	Morrisburg.	5	5	9	12.00	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	1	1	1	8	200.00	320.20	45.00	225.00	200.00	200.00	Good.				
Covenant.	113	Cornwall.	10	10	20	2.00	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	90	1	3	5	4	337.40	300.00	48.50	300.00	20.00	20.00	Excellent.	
Leeds.	132	Gananoque.	12	2	14	30	12.00	56	51	1	1	1	1	104	48	46	43	17	337.40	300.00	48.50	300.00	20.00	20.00	5.00	Fair.			
Maitland.	68	North Augusta.	1	1	2	10	15.75	23	23	1	1	1	1	22	22	22	22	10	337.40	300.00	48.50	300.00	20.00	20.00	5.00	Fair.			

REMARKS—¹Non-Resident Dues, \$1.00. ²Non-Resident Dues, \$1.50. ³Board Trustees.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I beg to submit the following report for 1905 on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Ottawa District, which comprises the following Chapters: Carleton, No. 16, Ottawa; Pembroke, No. 58, Mattawa; Granite, No. 61, Almonte; Bonnechere, No. 114, Renfrew; Maple, No. 116, Carleton Place; St. Francis, No. 133, Smith's Falls; Glengarry, No. 143, Maxville, and St. John's, Vankleek Hill. Laurentian, Pembroke, under dispensation.

During the year I visited all those Chapters except Pembroke, No. 58, once, and some oftener, and found the executive and degree work, excepting in one case, properly and exceptionally well done. Where the Past Principals take a decided interest and assist the officers the work of the Chapter, especially the degree work, is always of an excellent character and should be an incentive to those who have been honored with the First Chair, to assist continuously in helping on the good work.

All the Chapters, with one exception, have made a substantial increase in their membership, and in that case I am pleased to note three petitions received at their last convocation. I find a proper scrutiny is exercised on every petition presented and that a body of men is being bound together who will do honor to our noble order and benefit the community in which they reside.

Two new Chapters have been instituted and are working under dispensation, both of which should yet equal any Chapter in the district. The rooms in which a couple of the Chapters meet are not adapted as they should be for the working of the Royal Arch degree. All are, however, supplied with the necessary paraphernalia. Proper regalia is worn in the majority of cases by Companions while in the Chapter room, but to make it general, as required, Chapters should include the cost of

regalia in the fee for the degrees, and present the candidate with the regalia on being exalted. Every candidate on admission is presented with a copy of the Constitution of Grand Chapter and by-laws of the individual Chapter in which he becomes a member, and the new form of opening has been adopted by all Chapters in the district. Harmony and fraternal love have prevailed throughout the year, all of which points to excellent prospects for Royal Arch Masonry in this district.

My first duty in office was a request from the M. E. the Grand Z. for a report as to the advisability of instituting a Chapter at Vankleek Hill, which occasioned a visit to the locality, where I interviewed the Companions resident there and decided from the good material at hand and the enthusiasm displayed by the promoters that no mistake would follow in establishing a Chapter at this point, and reported accordingly. A dispensation was then granted by the M. E. the Grand Z. for the forming of a Chapter under the name of St. John's.

BONNECHERE CHAPTER, NO. 114, RENFREW.—I paid my official visit to this Chapter on the 31st of March at a special emergent convocation called for the purpose of conferring all the degrees at the same meeting on brethren living at a distance from the town. The M. M. M. and M. E. M. degrees were worked during the afternoon, the Royal Arch being exemplified at the evening session on a good class of candidates. The work in all the degrees was admirably exemplified, every officer from the First Principal down performing his part in a finished manner. The manner in which the degrees were conferred displayed the help and assistance of energetic Past Principals. The books and records of the Scribe E. were also models in all respects. With the present officers and the goodly number of distinguished R. E. Companions in this Chapter they should always give a good account of themselves.

MAPLE CHAPTER, NO. 116, CARLETON PLACE.—I had the pleasure of paying my official visit and witnessing the executive and degree work of this Chapter at their regular

convocation on the evening of May 2nd, at which meeting the officers of St. Francis Chapter, No. 143, Smith's Falls, were also present. The exemplification of the different degrees was given by the officers in good form every detail being properly attended to, which again speaks volumes for the good work and assistance of Past Principals, who are among the best in the district, being in attendance at nearly every convocation, and when advice and help are required they do their part. Comp. A. H. Edwards, the Scribe E., deserves mention from the state of his books and records and the up-to-date methods instituted in doing everything punctually. The increase in candidates received in this Chapter is most regular, always having work on hand, which, with the Companions composing the Chapter bespeaks continued good prospects.

ST. FRANCIS CHAPTER, NO. 143, SMITH'S FALLS.—My official visit to this Chapter on the evening of 30th June was unusually pleasant and profitable, witnessing the M. M. M. degree exemplified by the E. Comp. Second Principal as Worshipful Master, and the M. E. M. degree worked by E. Comp. Past Principal Martin, both degrees being done by every officer in a faultless manner. The Royal Arch was conferred by E. Comp. Houston, First Principal, and was perfect in every respect, each officer doing his duty in such a manner that it was a rare treat to enjoy the degree so impressively given. The books and records are also properly kept and reflect credit on Comp. Hyndman, Scribe E. The sociability of the Companions in this Chapter is such as it should be in every body, every one exchanging salutations with the other in that friendly manner that a visitor is so impressed that a second visit would be most acceptable if circumstances would permit. Success is certainly assured this Chapter by following the example now adopted.

GRANITE CHAPTER, NO. 61, ALMONTE.—I delayed my visit to this chapter until their regular convocation on the 14th of November, expecting the acceptance of a petition in the interval, which I regret did not occur, and I had simply to witness the opening of the Chapter in the new

form and a rehearsal of the Royal Arch degree, which was done in a most efficient manner, reflecting credit on the ability of the officers, but I did regret that such ability as was demonstrated was not being used in benefitting some Craft Mason and that the Principals were not encouraged by a larger attendance. Since my visit I learn they have accepted three petitions and there is hope for a report of good things in the future.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, U. D., VANKLEEK HILL.—A dispensation having been granted to form a Chapter at Vankleek Hill, with the assistance of the late R. E. Comp. W. B. McArthur and other E. Companions of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, I instituted the above Chapter on the 14th of April. After the installation of the several officers in their respective chairs they conferred the M. M. M. degree on a large class of candidates in a manner most creditable to a set of officers most of whom had not had former experience, which, if continued, will make them a banner Chapter. I again visited them on the evening of the 4th of July, when the M. E. the Grand Z. and Past Grand Z. Shaw were present and witnessed the Royal Arch degree worked in a most creditable form, proving that by diligence a new Chapter can equal and surpass older ones who do not devote the time and energy required. This Chapter should prosper and equal any body in the district and be a source of good to the community of which they are a part, from the most satisfactory way in which they have launched out.

GLENGARRY CHAPTER, NO. 143, MAXVILLE.—I visited this Chapter, which was instituted in December, 1904, at their regular convocation on the 21st of April, and was amazed to find a Chapter with the officers ignorant of even how to open, close or conduct the proceedings, and no one Companion conversant with the work. Upon trying to set matters as they should be, I found the First Principal unable to master the necessary attainments, while the Second and Third Principals and Principal Sojourner were resident miles from the Chapter quarters and could not attend for rehearsal and seldom the regular meetings. Speaking with several of the Companions I

asked them to assist, although not elected to office, and keep the work going until a new election of officers could take place, and expected to visit them again during the summer months. I again visited them on the 26th of December, when they elected young energetic men, resident in Maxville, to office whom I installed in office and witnessed them exemplifying the M. M. M. degree and expect with constant rehearsing of the work they will master the situation and prove themselves expert workmen. One regrettable drawback is their not having a Past Principal or other skilled Companion who can assist them. I would recommend their case to my successor, who can give whatever assistance he can.

CARLETON CHAPTER, NO. 16, OTTAWA.—The work and progress during the year in this Chapter has not been surpassed and reflects credit on the officers and Companions from the continued interest shown throughout the year. Being present at nearly all the meetings I cannot but speak praise as to the manner in which the work has been carried on at every convocation. The annual reunion was held on the 17th of November, at which convocation I paid my official visit under gratifying circumstances. By the kindness of E. Comp. John Robertson, First Principal, I was permitted to invite the Companions and officers in particular from the several Chapters in the district to assist and witness the work as a Chapter of Instruction. The officers of Maple Chapter, No. 116, Carleton Place, exemplified the Mark Master degree and the officers of Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Renfrew, the Most Excellent Master degree during the afternoon. Each set of officers conferring the degree worked in excellent form on a large class of candidates. At the evening session the Royal Arch degree was worked by the officers of Carleton Chapter in a manner which I considered faultless, as was also expressed by the visiting Companions. We are agreed that a meeting conducted on those lines proves most beneficial, especially in bringing about a uniformity in the work and allowing the different officers in the district an opportunity to express their views and agree on detail, which is so necessary in having our work impressive besides creating a chain of friendship

and union by coming in contact with each other, which otherwise would not be the case.

LAURENTIAN CHAPTER, U. D., PEMBROKE.—A dispensation being granted by the M.E. the Grand Z. for the formation of a Chapter at Pembroke, I instituted the same on the 24th of November, being assisted by R.E. Companions Barr and McKay and E. Companions Wade and Timmins of Bonnechere Chapter, No. 114, Refrew, who kindly accompanied and assisted me in the ceremonies. On completion of the installation of officers the Chapter received ten petitions for membership and conducted other routine business, closing the Chapter in proper form. With the ability centred in this Chapter and the material at hand it certainly should equal any body in the district.

PEMBROKE CHAPTER, No. 58, MATTAWA.—This Chapter only held one meeting during the year, which prevented my having another opportunity of visiting them except on that occasion. The Scribe E. informs me that owing to the scattered situation of the Companions and the absence from Mattawa of others it is hard to get the required number of Companions together to have regular convocations.

My reception during the year throughout the district was most cordial in every instance, and I desire to thank the Companions for the many kindnesses shown me and the honor conferred in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent of the Ottawa District, which I have endeavored to fill to the best of my ability.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN L. CULBERT,

Grand Supt., Ottawa District, No. 13.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, No. 13

CHAPTER.	LOCATION.		REGULAR MEETINGS.																				ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.		PROPERTY.		DUES OUTSTANDING.		AMOUNT INSURANCE.		AMOUNT EXPENDED IN BENEVOLENCE.		Prospect	Can. Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?
	Number		Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Report.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restoration.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrear															
ton.....	16	Ottawa.....	9	9	27	83.00	\$	96	20	16	1	1	1	3	109	16	15	15	21	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	60.00	Excellent.	Yes						
roke.....	58	Mattawa.....	1	1	7	42.40	\$	40	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	1	2	3	35	489.79	170.54	319.25	240.40	250.00	200.00	79.50	150.00	15.00	Only fair.	Yes						
tte.....	61	Almonte.....	7	7	11	31.50	\$	59	3	1	1	1	1	1	59	1	2	3	53	655.00	375.00	280.00	112.80	200.00	200.00	150.00	15.00	15.00	Good.	Yes						
echere.....	114	Renfrew.....	10	2	12	32.60	\$	71	14	15	1	10	2	2	74	15	16	15	5	674.87	374.87	300.00	54.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	5.00	5.00	Good.	Yes						
e.....	116	Carleton Place.....	11	11	12	2.00	\$	56	5	5	1	2	2	2	57	5	4	5	4	674.87	374.87	300.00	54.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	5.00	5.00	Good.	Yes						
Francis.....	133	Smith's Falls.....	10	1	11	17	\$	36	7	7	1	1	1	1	42	7	7	8	48.00	300.00	25.00	275.00	28.50	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	Good.	Yes						
arry.....	143	Maxville.....	6	1	7	22	\$	44	43	1	1	7	1	1	52	43	36	35	29	75.00	300.00	130.00	400.00	63.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	Fair.	No.						
ohn's.....	U.D	Vankleek Hill.....	6	2	8	25	\$	36	33	1	1	1	1	1	43	33	33	31	1	130.00	130.00	400.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	Bright.	Yes						
entian.....	U.D	Pembroke.....	6	2	8	25	\$	36	33	1	1	1	1	1	43	33	33	31	1	130.00	130.00	400.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00	Bright.	Yes						

REMARKS—*Non-Resident Dues, \$1.80 and \$1.00.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I have the honor of presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Algoma District, No. 14, and at the same time I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Companions of the district for the honor conferred upon me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent and for the kind treatment accorded me during my term of office.

TUSCAN CHAPTER, No. 95, SUDBURY.—I was requested to pay an official visit to this, my own Chapter, which I did on June 13th. I was very cordially received by the officers and members. The Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch degrees were conferred on three candidates by E. Comp. Gill and his officers in a perfect manner. This Chapter is in a flourishing condition and is to be congratulated on the enthusiasm and harmony which prevail amongst its members. It has a bright future before it.

ALGONQUIN CHAPTER, No. 102, SAULT STE. MARIE.—I had the pleasure of visiting this Chapter on October 20th, and saw the Royal Arch degree conferred in an able manner upon two candidates. Seldom, if ever, has it been my privilege and pleasure to see the Royal Arch degree conferred in a more impressive and exemplary manner than it was on this occasion by the officers of Algonquin Chapter. This Chapter is the strongest both numerically and financially in the district and they have enjoyed an unprecedented year of prosperity, having initiated 37 candidates. The Companions of Algonquin Chapter not only proved themselves to be earnest workers but good entertainers, for after the work was over we were ushered into the beautifully furnished banquet hall and invited to partake of a daintily prepared repast, after which a pleasant hour was spent in songs and impromptu speeches.

ATWOOD CHAPTER, U. D., RAINY RIVER.—This Chapter was instituted by the M. E. the Grand Z. on July 31st, and in the report forwarded to me by E. Comp. J. T. Stephenson he says they are doing good work, and from the number and quality of the candidates presenting themselves the prospects are bright for a progressive, useful and enthusiastic Chapter.

ALBERTON CHAPTER, U. D., FORT FRANCES.—This Chapter was instituted on December 11th and the officers installed by R. E. Comp. Judge T. W. Chapple, of Kenora, to whom I am indebted for undertaking a long journey at great inconvenience and expense to himself in representing Grand Chapter on that occasion. In his report to me he speaks very enthusiastically of the prospects and prosperity of this new Chapter, they having secured comfortable and well-appointed rooms and supplied themselves with the proper regalia. I regret exceedingly that circumstances have prevented me from visiting the Chapters in the far western portion of district, but from the notices forwarded me regularly by the Scribes E. of the various Chapters I can report that Capitular Masonry is in a flourishing condition and that good will and harmony prevail throughout Algoma district, No. 14.

I wish also to thank the Scribes E. of the Chapters throughout the district for their work and assistance. The work of the Scribe E. is laborious and sometimes almost thankless, but there is no officer in the Chapter who is more necessary for its existence and essential to its welfare.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

CHRIS. R. REID,
Grand Supt., Algoma District, No. 14.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 14

CHAPTER	Number.	LOCATION.	Regular Meetings.																	Prospects.										Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?		
			Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrear.	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended in Benev'ce.					
Shuniah.....	82	Port Arthur.....	12	6	18	15	2	1	20	81	16	16	1	1	1	1	2	96	16	16	16	35	\$	600.00	300.00	300.00	\$	236.50	\$	20.00	Excellent.	Ye
Algonquin	102	S. Ste. Marie.....	12	25	37	17	1	2	00	123	36	36	1	1	2	..	..	158	36	34	34	66	.....	1,531.27	1031	27	500.00	257.50	500.00	.....	Good.	Ye
Fort William.....	140	Fort William.....	13	5	18	22	5	2	00	40	16	14	..	..	..	..	..	54	14	8	13	4	.....	405.00	107.00	8.00	200.00	32.00	200.00	.....	Excellent.	Ye
Tuscan.....	95	Sudbury.....	9	2	11	15	1	2	00	46	9	9	..	..	..	..	1	54	9	9	9	..	.....	340.00	165.00	175.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	Excellent.	Ye
Atwood.....	U D	Rainy River..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	17	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	17	17	17	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Good.	Ye
Golden.....	90	Kenora.....	6	..	6	11	3	3	00	56	3	3	..	..	3	..	1	55	3	3	3	22	.....	395.00	275.00	120.00	109.25	150.00	.....	.....	Good.	Ye

MANITOBA DISTRICT, No. 15.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Manitoba District, No. 15.

ZEREDATHA CHAPTER, NO. III, MORDEN.—All of the Chapters in this district are in a flourishing condition, with the exception of Zeredatha Chapter, No. III, Morden, which has been dormant for several years past. On the recommendation of R. E. Comp. Braden, the immediate Past Grand Supt. of this district, Zeredatha Chapter was allowed one year in which to re-organize. Up to the present, moment however, they have apparently made no successful effort and I have now, with great regret, to recommend that their warrant be withdrawn. After the many warnings they have received, and the efforts of my predecessor in office to arouse them from their lethargy they certainly cannot justly feel that they have been harshly dealt with. If in the immediate future they should show signs of life I feel sure that Grand Chapter will assist in their re-formation and suggest the most kindly and palliating excuses for their retrogression.

PRINCE RUPERT CHAPTER, NO. 52, WINNIPEG.—In company with the M. E. the Grand Z. I visited this Chapter on the 3rd of August. There was a good turn out of the Companions and we were cordially received. M. E. Comp. Roaf made an able and instructive address, which was much appreciated. I have visited this Chapter on several occasions and can testify as to the excellence of their work.

CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, NO. 101, BOISSEVAIN.—This Chapter received no official visit this year. It was my intention to pay them one in December, as soon as the fall rush of business was over, but my removal to Dawson City prevented this. I have, however, made a note to ask my successor in office to place them first on his list next year, if possible.

KING EDWARD CHAPTER, No. 138, NEEPAWA.—This Chapter will rank, I think, amongst the first in Canada in the near future, both as regards quality and numbers. During the year the First Principal had to resign owing to ill health, and I filled the position for the balance of his term. New officers have been elected and everything points to a prosperous future.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 141, BRANDON.—This Chapter was visited on the 4th of August, when I was accompanied by the M. E. the Grand Z. Owing to its being Fair week I was unable to arrange for a convocation, but a pleasant hour was spent with some of the officers in their Chapter rooms, where a profitable discussion took place.

During the year Companions in Winnipeg discussed the advisability of forming another Chapter there. Companions in Portage-la-Prairie had a similar proposition under consideration. Both of these are now in abeyance and will probably be presented for your approval in the near future.

The work in Manitoba is performed most uniformly and as perfectly as, I think, it is possible to be. In all the Chapters the rule as regards the wearing of proper regalia is strictly carried out. No "bargain counter" rates or discreditable modes of solicitations are in vogue, and the growth is clean, healthy and vigorous. The importance of presenting a copy of by-laws and constitution to every joining member has been strongly impressed upon the Chapters and I am sure will never be omitted.

During the year it has been my pleasure to visit Chapters in different parts of Canada, and while I found the work in nearly every instance to be meritorious I regret to say that in a great many cases little attention was paid to the proper clothing to be worn. This may not be the most suitable way to bring this matter up, but it is one which, I think, demands the immediate attention of the Grand Chapter. If a certain kind of clothing is required by our regulations and Companions are too careless to wear it they should not be permitted to sit with those who do. Nothing appears so slovenly as to see a

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number of Companions sitting without their regalia while others have it on. If those who think it of too little importance to appear properly clothed would stay away altogether they would be conferring a favor, as the bad example they set to the newly initiated is likely to more than offset the good any Chapter would ever obtain from them.

In leaving for the far north I hope to be again soon in touch with the Grand Chapter. There are now ninety-eight Master Masons enrolled in Dawson City, so that with that number to start on there should be no great difficulty in having Capitular Masonry represented near the Arctic circle. I believe that an application to form a Chapter there was discussed a couple of years ago, but it fell through. It may be, however, that the time is now propitious to re-open the subject and that I may have the pleasure of submitting my name amongst others in the near future for a dispensation to work in that district.

I thank the Companions for the honor they conferred on me this year,

Fraternally submitted,

G. M. GIBBS,
Grand Supt., Manitoba District, No. 15.

MANITOBA DISTRICT, No. 15

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									\$														\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	Excellent.
Prince Rupert.....	52	Winnipeg.....	10	5	15	25	5	3.00	216	20	5					1	240	19	18	14	141		2,878.21				714.00	500.00	10.00	
*Corinthian.....	101	Boissevain.....																												
*Zeredatha.....	111	Morden.....																												
King Edward.....	136	Neepawa.....	12	1	13	22	1	3.00	64	9	5			1			68	5	6	6		50.00	665.00	240.00	425.00	140.00	300.00	25.00	Good.	
Keystone.....	141	Brandon.....	8	4	12	5	31	3.00	42	9	2						53	9	8	8	17		720.96	543.91	177.05	53.00	400.00		Good.	

REMARKS—*No Report.

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 16.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Canada:*

I have the honor to present my report as Grand Superintendent for British Columbia, District No. 16, for the year ending December 31st, 1905. The appended form will show the condition in which all Chapters of this district were on the date mentioned. Although the increase of members is not so marked as that of the previous year, the discrepancy can largely be attributed to labor troubles at Nanaimo, and the falling off of applications to the Vancouver Chapter. Nanaimo Chapter, No. 127, as you will note, has lost seven members during the last year, owing chiefly to the depression from the cause referred to, but as everything is now settled there and the mines in the Nanaimo district are again in working order, I anticipate a good showing from this Chapter in the future.

WESTMINSTER CHAPTER, NO. 124, NEW WESTMINSTER.—Is in a flourishing condition and although the increase of members has not been great the Companions are all enthusiastic and can be relied upon to uphold the dignity of the Grand Chapter.

CYRUS CHAPTER, NO. 142, CUMBERLAND.—The infant Chapter has, you will note, been making great strides in the right direction, and as the members are hard, conscientious workers a good record can always be expected from Cumberland.

VANCOUVER CHAPTER, NO. 98, VANCOUVER, is in excellent shape and as it is my own Chapter, comment is unnecessary.

In company with M. E. Comp. Wm. Roaf, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter, and M. E. Comp. Judge Harding, P. G. Z., I visited Vancouver Chapter, No. 98 on the 23rd of September, where a very hearty and most cordial greeting was extended to your Grand representative. The R. A. degree was exemplified by E.

Comp. Garrett, the First Principal, and outside of a few minor mistakes the work was well done. I called attention to the mistakes and they were immediately corrected.

On Sept. 24th, in company with M. E. Comp. Wm. Roaf, I visited Westminster Chapter, No. 124, where a most hearty, cordial and enthusiastic reception was tendered us. The M. E. M. degree was exemplified by E. Comp. Sanderson, First Principal, and although most of the officers were absent the degree was satisfactorily conferred. An address from the M. E. the Grand Z. was greatly appreciated, and I have no doubt has had its good effect on the Chapter.

On November 21st I visited Keystone Chapter, No. 127, at Nanaimo, where the reception tendered was all that could be desired; no work was exemplified on this occasion, as the general business and election of officers took up the entire evening. I had occasion to call attention to some discrepancies, which, I am pleased to say, have since been corrected. Not being satisfied with the manner in which the E. First Principal could do his work, I visited Keystone Chapter on December 20th, installed the officers for the ensuing year and witnessed the conferring of the M. M. M. degree by E. First Principal Quine; the work, although not standard, was fairly well done.

I regret not being able to have visited Cyrus Chapter No. 142, at Cumberland, but I have had such good reports from responsible Companions that I have no hesitation in saying that this Chapter is in A1 condition.

Yours fraternally,

S. C. SYKES,

Grand Supt., British Columbia District, No. 16

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, No. 16

CHAPTER.	LOCATION.																						Prospects.	Can Ex. Z. work all Degrees ?						
	Number.		Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Candidates Initiated.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.			Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended on Benev'ce.
ancouver.....	98	Vancouver, B.C....	10	1	11	30	43.00	\$ 214	8	7	4	1	4	...	3	219	7	9	9	33	...	2,294.00	\$ 314.42	\$ 1,994.00	\$ 330.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 85.00	Good.	Yes.
stminster	124	New Westminster.	8	...	8	10	16.00	39	4	4	...	...	...	...	1	42	4	4	4	11	...	314.42	64.42	250.00	205.00	150.00	...	Fair..	Yes.
stone.....	127	Nanaimo.....	5	1	6	11	26.00	57	2	2	...	...	9	...	...	50	2	1	1	26	...	1,030.77	653.27	100.00	377.50	...	...	Good.	Yes.
us.....	142	Cumberland.....	11	4	15	12	19.00	21	12	12	2	...	...	...	...	35	11	11	12	...	...	500.00	150.00	350.00	195.25	350.00	...	Excellent.	Yes.

ALBERTA DISTRICT, No. 17.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I have the honor to present herewith my report as Grand Superintendent of Alberta District, No. 17, for the year 1905. The most pleasing feature — to me — in submitting my report is recording the fact that during my official visits to Edmonton, Calgary and Regina, I had the pleasure of being accompanied by the M. E. the Grand Z., through whose presence I greatly attribute the very loyal reception we both received, and I hereby acknowledge that I took advantage of his presence to hear his very instructive talks on Masonry rather than try to impart that knowledge myself, and from the happy responses of our co-workers at Regina, Calgary and Edmonton, they enjoyed the visit of M. E. Comp. Wm. Roaf.

NORTH STAR CHAPTER, NO. 118, EDMONTON.—My official visit to this Chapter took place on Thursday evening, Aug. 15th, accompanied by the M. E. the Grand Z. A carriage awaited our arrival at the station and after being taken for a drive over this beautiful city we rested at the hotel until escorted to the Chapter rooms where we met with a hearty reception from this prosperous Chapter, which possesses a nicely kept hall with everything in good order and able Companions. After an instructive address by the M. E. the Grand Z., we were taken to the banquet room, where happy speeches were heard and we realized that the rustling qualities of this busy community and the enthusiasm displayed in Royal Arch Masonry will certainly make an even more prosperous Chapter if that is possible.

ALBERTA CHAPTER, NO. 106, CALGARY.—We visited this Chapter officially on Wednesday evening, Aug. 9th. It is the largest Chapter in this district. We had a splendid reception from a fine body of Companions who have capable and efficient officers. The venerable Scribe E. is an energetic worker and the books are in good shape. The well-known reputation of this Chapter is certainly not declining, as it contains a very competent lot of Companions. The emergent meeting, called

to meet the M. E. the Grand Z. and myself, was well attended, and after a pleasing talk on the history of our noble order and instructive lessons, we were invited to the banquet room, where pleasant speeches brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close at a late hour, which proved the "good fellowship" feeling of every Companion and guarantees the growth of Royal Arch Masonry in this growing city.

WASCANA CHAPTER, NO. 121, REGINA.—Officially visited August 7th, 1905. I am pleased to say this Chapter has awakened to a more lively interest in Royal Arch Masonry, brought about largely through the visit of our genial Companion Roaf, the M. E. the Grand Z., as well as having Wascana Chapter honored by having one of their members chosen as Grand Superintendent of Alberta district. Besides the fact of the new arrival of E. Comp. L. T. McDonald from St. John Chapter, No. 6, of Hamilton, Ont., who is an enthusiastic worker and now Z. of this Chapter, several other new arrivals have been chosen for officers and from present prospects I confidently look forward to a very prosperous year during 1906 for Wascana Chapter.

ASSINIBOIA CHAPTER, NO. 126, MEDICINE HAT.—I regret to state this Chapter is not progressing. The few Companions left there state that, being a railroad town and most of the Companions being railroad men who are constantly changing positions, they are of the opinion they cannot keep Assiniboia Chapter going. The M. E. the Grand Z. and myself called there and were advised they could not hold a meeting as most of the Companions had been transferred from that point. We therefore had no meeting.

In conclusion I desire to thank those who were responsible for placing me in the honorable position of Grand Superintendent and can assure my successor a warm reception whenever he visits the Chapters of Alberta District.

Fraternally submitted,

J. M. YOUNG,

Grand Supt., Alberta District, No. 17.

ALBERTA DISTRICT, No. 17

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North Star.....	118	Edmonton.....	9	5 14	16	23.00	23.00	\$	36 14	36 14	14 7	7	2	2	1	1	54 14	15 14	15 14	2	2	2	600.00	300.00	300.00	100.00	100.00	Good.	Y
Alberta.....	106	Calgary.....	12	3 15	17	33.00	33.00		90 12	90 12	10 2	2	5	1	1	1	96 10	9 15	9 15	125.00	125.00	1,000.00	250.00	400.00	200.00	200.00	250.00	Good.	Y
Wascana.....	121	Regina.....	4	2 6	10	43.00	43.00		38 4	38 4	7	7	1	1	1	1	48 4	4 1	4 1	30	30	150.00	150.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	Good.	Y
* Assiniboia.....	126	Medicine Hat.....

REMARKS—*No Report, except letter.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, No. 18.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals and Officers
of the Grand Chapter of Canada :*

I wrote the different Scribes E. in this district and asked them to forward their annual report, and have written them again several times since, but so far have only received reports from four Chapters — Rossland, Crow's Nest, Revelstoke and Kootenay. The others have not yet come in, and as the time has got so late I thought better to forward the reports I had, which perhaps should have been done some time ago. I may say that these Chapters all seem to be in fairly healthy condition, although the increase in membership has not been as great as might have been expected. Crow's Nest Chapter seems to be in a very healthy condition, with a rapidly increasing membership. I must apologize for having kept the report for so long, but there seemed to be no help for it under the circumstances.

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I have just received the reports from the Nelson and Rocky Mountain Chapters, and enclose you herewith same. I may say that both these Chapters are in a healthy condition, and think that everything is working along harmoniously.

J. A. HARVEY,
Grand Supt., Kootenay District, No. 18

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, No. 18

CHAPTER.	LOCATION.	Number.	Regular Meetings.	Emergent.	Total.	Average Attendance Members.	Average Attendance Visitors.	Annual Dues, per Member.	No. Members last Return.	Petitions Accepted.	Affiliations.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	M. M. M. Conf.	M. E. M. Conf.	R. A. Conf.	No. Memb'rs 12 Mths. in Arrears	Liabilities.	Assets.	Cash or Securities.	Property.	Dues Outstanding.	Amount Insurance.	Amount Expended on Renew'ce	Prospects.	Can Ex. 2. work all Degrees.
			9	2	11	10	22.00	73	2	2	1	74	2	2	231	60.00	\$	1,123.00	\$	460.00	\$	213.00	\$		400.00	Good.	Yes
Rosland.....	Rosland, B.C.....	122	9	2	11	10	22.00	73	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	15	15	14	60.00	300.00	80.00	40.00	150.00	..	..	Excellent.	Yes
Crow's Nest.....	Fernie, B.C.....	137	10	8	18	12	14	3.00	19	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	34	15	15	14	60.00	300.00	80.00	40.00	150.00	..	..	Good.	Yes
Revelstoke.....	Revelstoke, B.C.....	128	9	4	13	12	..	3.00	44	5	3	1	..	..	1	..	47	3	6	525	..	600.00	50.00	550.00	194.00	..	..	Good.	Yes
Kootenay.....	Kaslo, B.C.....	120	9	1	10	11	3	3.00	41	..	..	..	..	3	..	38	..	..	11	..	755.00	400.00	310.00	45.00	200.00	50.00	..	Good.	Yes
Nelson.....	Nelson, B.C.....	123	9	3	12	12	1	3.00	50	4	20	1	..	3	1	51	4	4	422	..	19.63	..	..	..	116.00	..	..	Fair.	Yes
Rocky Mountain.	Cranbrook, B.C.....	125	12	2	14	14	6	3.00	51	14	14	1	..	7	..	59	14	12	11	13	635.00	385.00	250.00	164.00	200.00	..	..	Good.	Yes

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED.

The Grand Scribe E. announced that he had received letters from the following Companions, detained through illness or urgent business affairs, expressing regret at inability to be present at the Annual Convocation : R. E. Companions D. F. MacWatt, Sarnia; William Walker, Toronto; John McLaren, Orangeville; William Rea, Ottawa; G. M. Gibbs, Neepawa; John S. Dewar, London; Wm. Forbes, Grimsby; E. L. Dickinson, Goderich; J. M. Young and J. M. Shaw, M. D., Regina.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That it is with sincere regret Grand Chapter learns that severe illness occasions the absence from this annual convocation of some of our esteemed faithful Companions, and desires to place on record its appreciation of their devoted services and to express the hope that the Omnipotent in His infinite mercy may restore them to their usual health.

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the Grand Scribe E. to each of the Companions.

PETITION FOR PAST RANK.

A memorial from King Solomon's R. A. Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, praying that the rank of Past First Principal be conferred upon E. Comp. Malcolm Gibbs, a Past Second Principal and a member of Grand Chapter under the regulation which prevailed in former years, was read and referred to the Executive Committee on the Grand Z's address.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R. E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of that Committee, which, on motion of R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, was received and ordered to be printed as an appendix to the Proceedings.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

COMPANIONS—Grand Chapter may fairly claim another year of extraordinary activity, and if the increased and increasing volume of correspondence with the office be taken as a criterion, a decided promise of further achievements in the future is indicated. There are at this Annual Convocation 124 Chapters on the roll, five of them working under dispensation. The Chapter at Morden, Man., although frequently pleading for time, has not taken advantage of the encouragement offered by Grand Chapter and remains inactive. Its continuance is harmful. Assiniboia Chapter at Medicine Hat is sick and, notwithstanding its location, appears to lack a remedy. This is the second year it has failed to report. I would respectfully ask for instructions in both instances. The Chapters generally have made good progress, some indeed exhibiting remarkable activity. The St. Patrick Chapter, of Toronto, records 201 admissions during the year and, after little more than that period of existence, boasts the largest membership of any Chapter on the roll, viz., 328.

The Chapters next in order of merit, so far as the year's contributions to the numerical strength goes, are Leeds Chapter, Gananoque, 48 admissions; Algonquin, Sault Ste. Marie, 36; Occident, Toronto, and Mount Nebo, Niagara Falls, 35 each; Palestine, St. Thomas, 33; Wawanosh, Sarnia, 25; Enterprise, Harriston, 24; S. Mark's, Trenton, 21; Prince Rupert, Winnipeg, Signet, Barrie, and Mount Horeb, Brantford, 20 each; Erie, Ridgétown, and Tecumseh, Stratford, 19 each; while the Chapters at the following places show 15 or over : Hamilton (2), London (2), Ottawa, Chatham, Owen Sound, Port Arthur, Renfrew and Uxbridge.

Suspensions for non-payments of dues have fallen away as compared with the previous year, but with-

drawals show slightly heavier. These, however, are to be accounted for, in a great measure, by the formation of the many new Chapters last year, so that the Companions in the majority of cases have not been lost to Grand Chapter. Applications for restoration are less than the former period.

I am loath to offer anything resembling a complaint, for I have little if any fault to find with the Scribes E. of the Chapters, between whom and this office there is the best of understanding. There are a few, however, who in one or two respects at least could make a better showing, viz., in the application during the year for registration and certificate, subsequent to each exaltation, which, after all is a constitutional requirement, and in the prompt forwarding of the annual return and fees immediately after the Chapter's regular convocation in December. So many of the secretaries are acquiring the notion that any time before Grand Chapter is good enough, that it is difficult to arrive at anything like the true condition of affairs in sufficient time to present a fairly accurate report. When the books were closed five days ago over thirty of the Chapters had not been heard from. If many more cultivate the habit in the future it will be a difficult matter to find out just where we are at.

The return of officers and Past Principals, a document so necessary for purposes of identification and record, is, in some cases, not regarded as of sufficient importance to forward in time for use of the Committee on Credentials of Grand Chapter, and occasionally is received too late to take advantage of its information in compiling the printed Proceedings.

Under instructions from the M. E. the Grand Z., I communicated with the Grand Superintendents requesting them to ascertain and report whether the Chapters of their respective districts complied with the requirements by presenting a printed copy of their by-laws and the Constitution to each newly admitted brother, and also to advise them to send a copy of the former to this office for examination and fyling.

Soon after the issue of the Proceedings last year, the Grand Council met and approved the re-arranged ceremony of opening in the Chapter. I thereupon prepared the matter and, through the Grand Superintendents, had it communicated to the First Principals throughout the jurisdiction. Later in the year the approved revision of the ceremony of installation of officers was also distributed to the Chapters, in time for most of them to use it at their annual convocations.

Warrants were engrossed and, when signed by the Grand Principals, and attested, were forwarded to the First Principals of the following Chapters: King Edward, No. 136, Neepawa, Man.; Crow's Nest, No. 137, Fernie, B. C.; Shekinah, No. 138, Toronto Junction, Ont.; St. Andrew's, No. 139, Havelock, Ont.; Fort William, No. 140, Fort William, Ont.; Keystone, No. 141, Brandon, Man.; Cyrus, No. 142, Cumberland, B. C. Glengarry, No. 143, Maxville, Ont.; Presq' Isle, No. 144, Brighton, Ont.; The St. Patrick, No. 145, Toronto, Ont.; Bernard, No. 146, Listowel, Ont.; Lucknow, No. 147, Lucknow, Ont.

During the year Companions at London, Rainy River, Vankleek Hill, Pembroke, and Fort Frances, all in Ontario organized new Chapters at those places. The requirements in each case having been complied with, and instructed by the M. E. the Grand Z., I prepared and sent to the Grand Superintendents of the respective districts, letters of dispensation and in due time the Chapters were instituted. The names of the petitioners in each instance together with the Chapters they hailed from, are appended.

LONDON, U. D., LONDON, ONT.—Chas. C. Reed, Thos. H. Baker, John E. Johnson, Urban A. Buchner, Jas. E. Keays, A. G. Stephens, Finley Marshall, J. W. Wetherall, W. H. Edgecombe, R. W. Glover, F. J. Darch, C. R. Reed, J. P. Element, M. Trenwood, W. W. Gammage, H. J. Heath, G. G. Steele, W. A. Young, Thos. Woolley, J. E. Steele, W. J. G. Fraser, No. 5, G. R. C.; Geo. Bott, No. 53, G. R. C.; Fred. A. Stewart, No. 46, G. R. C.;

Frank Mercer, No. 36, G. R. C.; M. J. Brown and E. R. C. Struthers, No. 3, G. R. C. Twenty-six petitioners.

ATWOOD, U. D., RAINY RIVER, ONT.—Jas. T. Stephenson, No. 18, G. R. C.; Alex. A. McCrimmon, No. 54, G. R. C.; Donald Robertson, P. T. Roberts, A. Watt, A. P. McDonald and John Redpath, No. 90, G. R. C.; Jas. Fraser, No. 258, G. R. S.; W. H. Perrin, John Leslie, W. G. Bell, W. G. Scott, W. Braden and H. English, No. 52, G. R. C. Nine petitioners.

ST. JOHN'S, U. D., VANKLEEK HILL, ONT.—T. J. Stevenson, Robt. S. Hall, No. 19, G. R. C.; E. H. Elvidge, No. 113, G. R. C.; H. C. Jones, T. G. Thomson, J. W. Robertson, K. D. MacLeod, Thos. Jamieson, Charles S. Bennett. Nine petitioners.

LAURENTIAN, U. D., PEMBROKE, ONT.—Albert J. Sparling, Jas. Leach, Oliver G. Copeland, D. W. Campbell, J. H. Reeves, Archie Foster, R. W. Gordon, Alexander Morris, A. M. Acheson, E. A. Dunlop, H. Stewart, J. P. Perry, J. P. Miller, G. D. McCagherty, Robt. Delahay, G. W. Elliott, Jos. T. McCagherty, and Jas. L. Leitch, No. 114, G. R. C.; J. H. Burritt, J. G. Forgie, Alex. Gordon, W. B. Wilson, J. R. Robinson, G. E. Josephs, R. W. Kenning, D. B. Warren, No. 58, G. R. C. Twenty-six petitioners.

ALBERTON, U. D., FORT FRANCES, ONT.—Chas. J. Hollands, Hy. J. F. Sissons and D. J. Gillon, No. 90, G. R. C., Arthur H. Carr and Harry O. Bell, No. 84, G. R. C.; Lionel O. Revell, No. 56, G. R. C.; W. A. Preston, No. 82, G. R. C.; Richard Roberts, No. 102, G. R. C.; Chas. C. Fralick, No. 115, G. R. C. Nine petitioners.

The growth in membership has again been remarkable, the total now being over ten thousand. Last year's gain, which was a record, was assisted materially by the addition of so many new Chapters. This year the net gain is 1094, a splendid showing, especially when it is

realized that the receipts from the Chapters have likewise advanced, being over five hundred dollars ahead of the previous year. The following is a statement of the receipts :

CASH STATEMENT — GRAND SCRIBE E.

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From Chapters.—Certificates.....	\$1,311.00	
Membership Dues.....	2,402.85	
Registration Fees.....	1,343.50	
Dispensations.....	140.00	
Warrants.....	100.00	
Constitutions.....	82.50	
Sundries.....	98.25	
	<hr/>	\$5,478.10
Interest.—Industrial School Bonds.....	\$680.00	
Toronto General Trusts.....	80.00	
Town of Orillia Debentures....	99.40	
City of Stratford Debentures...	60.84	
Bank of Commerce.....	48.40	
	<hr/>	968.64
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		\$6,446.74

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1905—Mar. 29—Grand Treasurer	\$ 500.00
Apr. 26— " "	49.71
May 29— " "	36.30
June 8— " "	300.00
July 3— " "	200.00
July 3— " "	40.00
Oct. 16— " "	300.00
Oct. 16— " "	340.00
Oct. 16— " "	49.69
Nov. 30— " "	12.10
Dec. 2— " "	340.00
Dec. 20— " "	600.00
Dec. 28— " "	60.84
Dec. 29— " "	1,000.00
1906—Jan. 3— " "	1,000.00
Jan. 4— " "	40.00
Jan. 10— " "	700.00
Jan. 18— " "	878.10
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Total.....	\$6,446.74

ANNUAL STATEMENT, 31ST DECEMBER, 1905.

FEES AND DUES FROM CHAPTERS.

1 Ant. Frontenac & Cataraqui.....\$	43.50	64 Willson.....	23.00
2 The Hiram.....	89.40	65 St. Paul's.....	44.25
3 St. John's.....	102.50	66 The Malloch.....	33.50
4 St. Andrew's and St. John's...	97.50	67 Enterprise.....	77.00
5 St. George's.....	3.00	68 Maitland.....	5.75
6 St. John's.....	94.50	69 Grimsby.....	23.90
7 The Moira.....	49.00	70 Gr. River.....	33.00
8 King Solomon's..	70.75	71 Prince of Wales..	9.00
15 Wawanosh.....	100.75	72 Keystone.....	54.25
16 Carleton.....	61.50	73 Erie.....	51.00
18 Oxford.....	19.75	74 Beaver.....	36.25
19 Mt. Moriah.....	52.25	75 St. Clair.....	21.75
20 Mt. Horeb.....	70.00	76 Mt. Nebo.....	95.50
22 Grenville.....	29.00	77 Occident.....	126.50
23 Ezra.....	51.50	78 Minnewawa.....	62.00
24 Tecumseh.....	76.80	79 Orient.....	10.00
26 St. Mark's.....	60.25	80 Ark.....	57.75
27 Manitou.....	35.00	82 Shuniah.....	59.90
28 Pentalpha.....	29.25	83 Ionic.....	46.25
29 McCallum.....	15.75	84 Lebanon.....	21.00
30 Huron.....	26.00	86 Macpherson.....	40.25
31 Prince Edward...	58.00	88 MacNab.....	11.50
32 Waterloo.....	34.50	90 Golden.....	42.00
34 Signet.....	87.25	91 Antiquity.....	48.50
35 Keystone.....	32.00	94 Midland.....	48.00
36 Corinthian.....	52.75	95 Tuscan.....	32.25
37 Victoria.....	52.00	98 Vancouver.....	71.75
40 Guelph.....	23.50	100 St. Lawrence...	77.75
41 Harris.....	25.65	102 Algonquin.....	114.40
44 Mt. Sinai.....	16.50	104 White Oak.....	21.00
45 Excelsior.....	25.50	106 Alberta.....	45.50
47 Wellington.....	62.45	110 Warkworth.....	12.00
48 St. John's.....	15.20	112 St. John's.....	31.15
50 Saugeen.....	7.25	113 Covenant.....	28.00
52 Prince Rupert...	175.05	114 Bonnechere.....	52.50
53 Bruce.....	55.50	115 Brant.....	15.00
54 Palestine.....	113.25	116 Maple.....	24.25
55 Niagara.....	16.75	117 Berlin.....	27.00
57 King Hiram.....	8.25	118 North Star.....	45.00
58 Pembroke.....	15.75	119 K. Cyrus.....	35.70
59 Sussex.....	76.75	120 Kootenay.....	9.50
60 Doric.....	27.50	121 Wascana.....	23.50
61 Granite.....	14.75	122 Rossland.....	23.25
62 York.....	44.25	124 Westminster...	19.50
63 Havelock.....	25.00	127 Keystone.....	14.50
		129 Elliot.....	18.25
		130 Chantry.....	16.00

131 Amabel.....	38.00	143 Glengarry.....	33.25
132 Leeds.....	123.00	144 Presqu' Isle.....	10.00
133 St. Francis.....	24.50	145 The St. Patrick..	494.50
134 King Darius....	17.50	146 Bernard.....	53.75
135 Succoth.....	50.00	147 Lucknow.....	20.00
136 King Edward....	14.00	U.D. St. John's.....	94.00
137 Crow's Nest.....	51.50	U.D. Atwood.....	57.00
138 Shekinah.....	48.00	U.D. London.....	63.00
139 St. Andrew's....	22.00	U.D. Laurentian....	25.00
140 Fort William....	57.25	U.D. Alberton.....	25.00
141 Keystone.....	40.25		
142 Cyrus.....	33.75		

\$5,478.10

Interest—Toronto General Trusts.....	\$ 80.00
“ Industrial School Bonds.....	680.00
“ Orillia Debentures.....	99.40
“ Stratford Debentures.....	60.84
“ Bank of Commerce.....	48.40

968.64

Total..... \$6,446.74

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. J. BENNETT,
Grand Scribe E.

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

HUGH MURRAY, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

1905.		Dr.	
Jan.	25	To Balance as per Statement this date.....	\$4,630.63
Mar.	29	Grand Scribe E.....	500.00
April	26	Interest, Orillia Debentures.....	49.71
May	29	Interest Canadian Bank of Commerce...	36.30
June	8	Grand Scribe E.....	300.00
July	3	Grand Scribe E.....	200.00
July	3	Interest, Toronto General Trust Bond...	40.00
Oct.	16	Grand Scribe E.....	300.00
Oct.	16	Interest, Toronto Industrial School Bonds	340.00
Oct.	16	Interest, Orillia Debentures.....	49.69
Nov.	30	Interest, Canadian Bank of Commerce.	12.10
Dec.	2	Interest Toronto Industrial School Bonds.	340.00
Dec.	20	Grand Scribe E.....	600.00
Dec.	28	Interest, City of Stratford Debentures...	60.84
Dec.	29	Grand Scribe E.....	1,000.00
1906.			
Jan.	3	Grand Scribe E.....	1,000.00
Jan.	4	Interest, Toronto General Trust Bonds..	40.00
Jan.	10	Grand Scribe E.....	700.00
Jan.	18	Grand Scribe E.....	878.10

\$11,077.37

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Feb.	By Order	1373, Bell Telephone Co.....	\$ 26.75
"	"	1374, Mrs. Munro..... Benevolence	10.00
"	"	1375, Edward Ball.....	20.00
"	"	1377, Mrs. J. E. Malone..	20.00
"	"	1378, Mrs. Alex. Findlay.	20.00
"	"	1379, Wm. Hawthorne..	25.00
"	"	1380, Mrs. John Kennedy.	20.00
"	"	1381, Mrs. Edment Hill..	10.00
"	"	1382, Chas. W. Smith....	25.00
"	"	1382, Mrs. John Holman..	10.00
"	"	1384, Arch Cooper.....	20.00
Mar.	"	1385, Mrs. G. E. S. Black.	10.00
"	"	1386, Fred. Mudge.....	20.00
"	"	1387, Mrs. W. B. Wallace	10.00
"	"	1388, Mrs. J. S. Baker....	20.00
"	"	1389, Mrs. Hugh Rankin.	20.00
"	"	1390, James O'Connor...	25.00
"	"	1391, Mrs. Peter Grant...	10.00
"	"	1392, Mrs. F. P. Gassion.	15.00
"	"	1392, Mrs. W. Marriott..	15.00
"	"	1394, Mrs. W. E. Johnson	10.00
"	"	1396, Foreign Correspondence Report.	100.00
"	"	1397, John Young, Janitor.....	7.50
"	"	1398, Grand Scribe E., Incidentals...	300.00
"	"	1399, Grand Scribe E., Bal. Incidentals	52.75
"	"	1400, Kent & Co., Goods.....	27.40
"	"	1401, B. Cairns, Electros.....	1.85
"	"	1402, The Hunter Rose Co., Proc'd'ngs	360.00
"	"	1403, The Copp, Clark Co., Warrants.	75.00
"	"	1405, Rolph, Clark Co., Certificates...	104.65
Apr.	"	1404, Rolph, Clark Co....	98.70
"	"	1406, The Hunter Rose Co., Printing..	133.40
"	"	1407, D. Henderson, Engr's'g Warr'ts	48.00
"	"	1408, The Grand Scribe E., Salary...	375.00
"	"	1409, The Grand Treasurer, Salary ..	25.00
May	"	1410, City of Stratford, Debentures...	1,537.39
"	"	1411, The Thomson Eng. Co., Printing	37.00
"	"	1412, Kent & Co., Regalia.....	8.30
"	"	1413, Rolph, Clark Co., Certificates....	104.30
"	"	1414, S. Tidy and Son, Floral Emblem	25.00
"	"	1415, Edith E. Shaw, Address	50.00
"	"	1416, B. Cairns, Seal.....	5.00
June	"	1417, Smith Bros., Test m'l Past G. Z.	250.00
"	"	1418, Atwell Fleming Co., Printing...	9.25
"	"	1419, Grand Scribe E., rent to 30 June.	90.00
"	"	1419, Grand Scribe E., Salary.....	375.00
July	"	1420, Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	25.00
"	"	1421, Rolph, Clark Co., Certificates....	105.00
"	"	1422, Napoleon Latimer, Benevolence	30.00
"	"	1423, American Surety Co., Bonds...	15.00

July	By Order	1424, Bell Telephone Co.....	26.75
Aug.	"	1425, Mrs. John Munro... Benevolence	10.00
"	"	1426, Edward Ball.....	20.00
"	"	1427, Mrs. J. E. Malone...	20.00
"	"	1428, Mrs. Alex. Findlay.	20.00
"	"	1429, Wm. Hawthorne...	25.00
"	"	1430, Mrs. John Kennedy	20.00
"	"	1431, Mrs. Edment Hill..	10.00
"	"	1432, Mrs. John Holman.	10.00
"	"	1433, Chas. W. Smith....	25.00
"	"	1434, Arch. Cooper.....	20.00
"	"	1435, Mrs. G. E. S. Black.	10.00
"	"	1436, Fred. Mudge.....	20.00
"	"	1437, Mrs. W. B. Wallace.	10.00
"	"	1438, Mrs. J. S. Baker...	20.00
"	"	1439, Mrs. Hugh Rankin.	20.00
"	"	1440, James O'Connor...	25.00
"	"	1441, Mrs. Peter Grant...	10.00
"	"	1442, Mrs. W. Marriott..	15.00
"	"	1443, Mrs. F. P. Gassion.	15.00
"	"	1444, Mrs. W. J. Johnson.	10.00
Sept.	"	1445, Mrs. Mason, Bound Proceedings	10.00
"	"	1446, Atwell Fleming Co., Printing...	24.00
Oct.	"	1447, Grand Scribe E., Salary.....	375.00
"	"	1448, Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	25.00
"	"	1449, Malcolm Gibbs, Insurance.....	6.45
"	"	1450, Atwell Fleming Co., Constitut'ns	196.00
Dec.	"	1451, Grand Scribe E., rent to Dec. 31.	90.00
"	"	1452, Rolph Clark Co., Certificates....	175.00
1906.			
Jan.	"	1454, The Might Directories Co.....	6.00
"	"	1455, Grand Scribe E., Salary.....	375.00
"	"	1456, Grand Treasurer, Salary.....	25.00
"	"	1457, The Atwell Fleming Co., Printing	122.75
"	"	1459, Grand Scribe E., Office Furniture	5.40
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			\$6,524.59

STATEMENT OF ASSETS OF
GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF CANADA.

Bonds, Toronto General Trusts Co., at 4 per cent.....	\$2,000.00
Bonds, Toronto Industrial School, at 4 per cent.....	17,000.00
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 11, at 4 per cent....	1,218.16
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 11, at 4 per cent....	1,266.80
Debentures, City of Stratford, at 4 per cent.....	1,521.03
Cash in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	4,552.78
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\$27,558.77	

Hamilton Branch, Canadian Bank of Commerce.

19th January, 1906.

We hereby certify that the above named bonds and debentures are in the custody of the Bank for safe-keeping on account of Hugh Murray, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and that the balance at the credit of the said Hugh Murray as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, in the books of the Bank, at the close of business at this date is four thousand, five hundred and fifty-two dollars and seventy-eight cents.

D. R. DUNCAN, *Manager*.

W. B. PARSONS, *Accountant*,

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,

Grand Treasurer.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, seconded by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, and

Resolved,—That the statements of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, for the year 1905, be received and referred to the Executive Committee, for audit and to report thereon at the present Convocation.

BENEVOLENCE.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Principal and Companion of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

The Committee on Benevolence have examined the applications for relief presented to them and respectfully recommend that the following grants be made :

No.	1.	Comp. Edward Law.....	\$40.00
"	1.	Widow of John Munroe.....	20.00
"	1.	Comp. Edward Ball.....	40.00
"	3.	Widow of John E. Malone.....	40.00
"	3.	Widow of Alex. Findlay.....	40.00
"	3.*	Widow of Wm. Hawthorne	40.00
"	6.	Widow of John Kennedy.....	40.00
"	6.	Widow of Edment Hill.....	20.00
"	6.	Widow of Jno. Holman.....	20.00
"	28.*	Comp. Chas. W. Smith.....	50.00
"	29.	Comp. A. Cooper.....	40.00
"	29.	Widow of C. E. S. Black.....	20.00
"	35.	Comp. Fred Mudge.....	40.00

No. 37.	Widow of W. B. Wallace.....	20.00
" 37.	Widow of J. S. Baker.....	40.00
" 44.	Widow of Hugh Rankin.....	40.00
" 52.	Widow of James O'Connor.....	50.00
" 54.	Widow of Wm. Marriott.....	30.00
" 54.	Widow of Peter Grant.....	20.00
" 59.	Daughter of W. B. Simpson.....	20.00
" 62.	Widow of Harry J. Southby.....	20.00
" 77.	Widow of Frank P. Gassion.....	30.00
*Subject to report.		

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. HARDING,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Executive Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

WARRANTS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Your Committee on Warrants beg to report that during the year just closed, five applications were made to the M. E. the Grand Z., for his dispensation to start and operate new Chapters. There applications came from 26 Companions at London, 14 Companions at Rainy River, 9 Companions at Vankleek Hill, 26 Companions at Pembroke, 9 Companions at Fort Frances.

The Companions of London Chapter, London, since their institution have doubled their number and the prospects for an active future are bright, and believing that the interests of the Royal Craft will be promoted in that city, your Committee has no hesitation in recommending the issue of a warrant of confirmation.

The Companions of St. Johns Chapter at Vankleek Hill have, since their institution, added 34 to their membership and have considerable work ahead. Your Committee recommend that a warrant be granted.

Atwood Chapter at Rainy River bids fair to be an active body in that district and your Committee recommend that a warrant of confirmation be issued.

Laurentian Chapter, Pembroke, not having made proper returns or forwarded registration fees to the Grand Scribe E., your Committee recommends that the dispensation be continued until the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Alberton Chapter, at Fort Frances, owing to a disastrous fire in the town, was unable to get started as early as expected, and your Committee recommends a continuance of the dispensation.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. MOORE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Geo. Moore, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Executive Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report that we have made a close examination of the books and vouchers of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, and find that they agree with the bank's certified statement to January 19th, 1906. The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year :

RECEIPTS

To Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1904.....	\$4,630.63
" Certificates.....	1,311.00
" Membership Dues.....	2,402.85
" Registration Fees.....	1,343.50
" Dispensations.....	140.00
" Warrants.....	100.00
" Constitutions.....	82.50
" Sundries.....	98.25
Interest Industrial School Bonds.....	680.00
" Toronto General Trusts.....	80.00

Interest	Town of Orillia Debentures.....	99.40
"	City of Stratford Debentures.....	60.84
"	Bank of Commerce, open $\frac{a}{c}$	48.40
		<hr/> \$11,077.37

DISBURSEMENTS.

Investment City of Stratford Debentures...	\$1,527.39
Salary, Grand Scribe E.....	1,500.00
Salary, Grand Treasurer.....	100.00
Orders on Benevolence.....	700.00
Printing, The Hunter Rose Co.....	493.40
Printing, The Atwell Fleming Printing Co..	352.00
Certificates, The Rolph Clark Co.....	587.65
Foreign Correspondence Committee.....	100.00
Grand Scribe E., Incidentals.....	352.75
Testimonial, Past Grand Z.....	300.00
Rent, Temple Building.....	180.00
Copp Clark Co., Warrants.....	75.00
D. Henderson, Engrossing Warrants.....	48.00
Thomson Engraving Co.....	37.00
Kent & Co., Goods and Repairs.....	35.70
Bell Telephone Co.....	53.50
Guarantee Co. Bonds.....	15.00
Mrs. Mason, for Proceedings.....	10.00
Tidy & Co., Wreath.....	25.00
Grand Janitor.....	7.50
Cairns & Co., Electros.....	6.85
Insurance, Office Effects.....	6.45
Might Directories Co., Supplies.....	6.00
Adams & Co., Goods.....	5.40
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Total Disbursements.....	\$6,524.59
Balance in Bank of Commerce.....	4,552.78
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	\$11,077.37

ASSETS.

Bonds, Toronto General Trusts, 4 per cent....	\$2,000.00
Bonds, Toronto Industrial School, 4 per cent	17,000.00
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 10, 4% . . .	1,218.13
Debentures, Town of Orillia, No. 11, 4% . . .	1,266.86
Debentures, City of Stratford, 4%	1,521.00
Balance, Bank of Commerce	4,552.78
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	\$29,558.77

LIABILITIES.

Benevolence Grants.....	\$ 720.00
Outstanding Cheques.....	139.16
Incidentals, advance, 1906.....	300.00
Balance, Incidentals, 1905.....	71.20
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	\$1,230.36

Your Committee is in a position to congratulate Grand Chapter on the possession of the officers it has chosen to look after its business and financial interests. All the available members of the Committee visited the office of the Grand Scribe E. on the 20th inst., and spent the entire afternoon in an examination of the methods practised in dealing with the Chapters and incidentally audited the books and accounts, which in every case were entered up to date and maintained with neatness and strict accuracy. Even at that late date many of the Chapters had not forwarded their returns and fees due on Dec. 31st, thus making it impossible to render a complete statement for the year. Your Committee would recommend that in future all Chapters unreported seven days prior to the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter be made a subject of enquiry by the incoming Grand Superintendents.

Your Committee again takes pleasure in congratulating Grand Chapter on the marked advance in membership and receipts, and having in view the cash balance in the bank as per the Grand Treasurer's statement would recommend that such sum as may not interfere with necessary demands be invested in such interest bearing securities as may seem advisable to the Grand Council and Grand Treasurer.

Your Committee is pleased to notice that in this respect its recommendation of last year was promptly acted upon and that the sum of \$1,527.39 was invested in debentures of the City of Stratford, bearing interest at four per cent. per annum, but netting to Grand Chapter four and one-sixteenth per cent.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY T. SMITH,
Acting Chairman of Committee.

Moved by R. E. Comp. H. T. Smith, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Executive Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Principals, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter :

The Committee has read and carefully considered the reports of the eighteen Grand Superintendents who have during the past year presided over the eighteen districts into which, for purposes of visitation, this Grand jurisdiction is divided.

The Committee finds that there are on the roll of Grand Chapter 124 Chapters, 5 of which are working under dispensation and 119 of which are duly warranted. The membership at the present date is 10,085.

The Committee finds that the following Chapters are reported not visited : No. 6, St. John's, Hamilton; No. 29, MacCallum, Dunnville; No. 83, Ionic, Orangeville; No. 58, Pembroke, Mattawa; No. 90, Golden, Kenora; U. D., Atwood, Rainy River; U. D., Alberton, Fort Frances, No. 111, Zeredatha, Morden; No. 101, Corinthian, Boissevain; No. 142, Cyrus, Cumberland; No. 120, Kootenay, Kaslo; No. 122, Rossland, Rossland; No. 123, Nelson, Nelson; No. 125, Rocky Mountain, Cranbrook; No. 128, Revelstoke, Revelstoke; No. 137, Crow's Nest, Fernie; No. 140, Fort William, Fort William.

These 17 Chapters are commended to the special care of the incoming Grand Superintendents, as some of them evidently require awakening from the lethargic state into which they have been allowed to fall. As has been pointed out before, the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter covers by far the larger part of this great Dominion, extending as it does from the eastern boundary of the Province of Ontario to the Pacific Ocean. Some of the districts are provincial in boundaries and others cover thousands of miles of territory and in these districts Chapters are necessarily great distances apart and this should be borne in mind when dealing with the question of unvisited Chapters. In Ontario eight Chapters were not visited, four of which were in New Ontario in Dis-

trict No. 14, or Algoma; two in the Province of Manitoba were unvisited; one in British Columbia District No. 16, was not visited. In Kootenay District No. 18, there is reason to fear that not one of the six Chapters was visited.

The large number of Chapters left without any instruction, inspiration or encouragement is a serious departure from the hitherto close inspection we have had, and the matter is brought to the attention of Grand Chapter with the hope that those elected to the office of Grand Superintendent shall realize that they are not elected simply to do them honor and confer rank, but with the expectation that they intend to perform loyally the duties of their office.

To most of the Grand Superintendents the Royal Craft owes a debt of gratitude for faithful services rendered, often in the face of great difficulties, accompanied by loss of time and serious expense, and too much praise cannot be extended to them, but there are exceptions who really deserve to be disciplined for neglect of the obligation by which they agreed to represent the M. E. the Grand Z. in their respective districts.

The Grand Superintendent of Kootenay, No. 18, does not appear to have visited a single Chapter. If he has, it is not so stated in his brief communication, though he puts forth the opinion that the Chapters "seem" to be in a healthy state. The R. E. Companion offers no excuse or explanation for his neglect to inspect and report, though he must know that the absence of information is an inconvenience and disappointment to Grand Chapter. It is conceivable that circumstances may prove too strong for an officer and render it impossible to do what he promised, but he could, by asking some experienced Past Z. near any particular Chapter, get him to visit it and report its condition and forward the information to Grand Chapter with a proper explanation which would no doubt be accepted as the best course possible to be pursued. To entirely overlook making apology for neglect or carelessness is a breach of Masonic etiquette as well as of good manners.

The reports of those who carefully performed the duties are satisfactory reading, as they evidence the fact that the Royal Craft is prospering and that harmony prevails. The character of the material seeking exaltation is reported to be all that could be desired. The financial standing of the Chapters is on the whole excellent. The secretarial work is fairly well carried on, with the exception that certain Scribes do not send in their statistical statements to the Grand Superintendents in time to be incorporated in their report. This continued neglect of a plain duty ought to be put an end to, by removing from office those who so offend.

The growth numerically, though not as large as that of last year, is, considering the care that is exercised in selection, on the whole substantial and satisfactory. During the year just closed 1304 were admitted into the Royal Craft. There were 179 affiliations and 14 restorations, making a total increase of 1497. On the other hand there were 181 withdrawals, 88 suspended for non-payment of dues, and 108 deaths, a total loss of 377 members, leaving the net gain for the year to be 1120.

There are a few weak Chapters on the roll, only one of which is absolutely despaired of; some Chapters, looked upon as dying, have taken on new life thus proving what has been said before by this Committee that a warrant should not be withdrawn while there is even a glimmering of hope. The one Chapter evidently dead is No. 111, Zeredatha, of Morden, Manitoba. For a number of years this Chapter has been "speechless" and the Grand Superintendent says it is now dead beyond recall and recommends that the warrant be withdrawn, with which recommendation your Committee agrees.

The work of the Chapters is reported to be excellent and uniform, and all Z's, with few exceptions, are reported able to work the degrees.

The Committee is glad to observe that the Chapters are obeying the Grand Z's request that every newly admitted candidate be presented with copies of the constitution and by-laws of his Chapter.

The restored Most Excellent Master degree continues to receive friendly references with an utter absence of criticism, indicating that the agitation for its restoration was widespread and honest. The question of restoring the Past Master degree, the removal of which from our work met with complete approval, is to be considered at this meeting of Grand Chapter and your Committee commends the matter to the careful attention of the Companions, as no sufficient evidence to cause such a course has been found in the information and reports laid before your Committee.

The fact that such a degree exists in a foreign jurisdiction with which we are on terms of fraternal intercourse need have no effect on a self-contained body like the Grand Chapter of Canada, especially when the desire to curtail or abolish it in that jurisdiction is assuming considerable proportions in the Grand Chapters of a number of the States.

The Committee regrets to observe the large number of Companions who are still in arrears for dues and the serious amounts outstanding. The Chapters can by either mercy or justice remove the stigma which rests upon our business management owing to the inability or unwillingness of those in arrears to pay. Where the Companions cannot pay, remit their dues, and let our charity be far-reaching. Where the Companion is clearly able, but careless or dishonest, suspend him promptly.

Your Committee is pleased to record also the benevolence of the private Chapters, which is in excess of last year, as we find nearly \$1,400.00 has been disbursed by the Chapters in addition to the \$730.00 voted by Grand Chapter.

The Committee regrets to say that Chapters of Instruction were held in only two districts. This state of affairs is simply intolerable and ought to be put an end to. This Committee has pointed out the benefits of these Chapters of Instruction in perfecting the work, in promoting knowledge and in cementing love and

harmony, until it has seemed to it there was nothing remaining to be said. The showing this year is most discouraging, when it is found that but two Grand Superintendents obeyed the expressed will of Grand Chapter. The Committee recommend that instructions emanate from the Grand Z., directing each Grand Superintendent to hold a Chapter of Instruction during the coming year so that no excuse for the neglect of a necessary duty shall be possible.

The Committee has observed with pleasure that the Grand Superintendents have been careful to keep within their constitutional limits.

The Committee has been informed that one of the Grand Superintendents moved a Chapter in his jurisdiction from one place to another, failing to communicate his action to the Grand Z. or to the Grand Scribe E. When a Superintendent assumes the responsibility of removing a Chapter he should immediately communicate his action to the Grand Z. and to the Grand Scribe E., so that his action may be known and recorded and the new addresses of the officers of the Chapter registered in the Grand Scribe E's office.

The Committee congratulates Grand Chapter upon the activity of the M. E. the Grand Z. during the past year. The reports of the Grand Superintendents show that the Grand Z. has been in numerous districts extending all the way to the Pacific Coast and there is no doubt that his presence in these districts has been most beneficial to the interests of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Committee in closing its report desires to impress upon the Companions the deeply religious character of the institution to which they belong, its fundamental basis being the inculcation of a spirit of holiness to the Lord Jehovah. It is incumbent upon us to try and improve, both by precept and example, the religious character of those round about us, and thus show that the Holy Royal Arch system of Masonry teaches its recipients to fear God and love their fellow-man. Surely in this favored land we have great cause to be thankful

to Almighty God for mercies vouchsafed to us. To paraphrase the Psalmist : "Our sons are growing up as the young trees, our daughters are as the polished corners of the Temple, our garnerers are full and plenteous with all manner of stores, our sheep bring forth thousands and tens of thousands, our oxen are strong to labor, there is no decay, no leading into captivity and no complaining in our streets. Happy are the people that are in such a case, yea blessed are the people who have the Lord for their God.

Fraternally submitted,]

AUBREY WHITE,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Aubrey White, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Executive Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

GRAND Z's ADDRESS.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z. and the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

The Executive Committee have the honor to present the following report on matters contained in the address of the M. E. the Grand First Principal.

They join him in his congratulations to Grand Chapter at the satisfactory and continually improving progress of the Royal Craft, at the peace and harmony which prevail within its borders, and that our relations with sister grand jurisdictions are of the most cordial character.

The Committee concur in the expressions of gratitude to the Most High for His manifold blessings to us individually and as a Craft.

They mourn the removal from our midst of so many distinguished Companions and recommend that memorial

pages be erected in the Grand Chapter Proceedings to the memory of M. E. Companion Kivas Tully, R. E. Companions James Wilson, W. B. McArthur, Isaac P. Willson, James O'Connor, James W. Quinlan, George Middleditch, A. G. McWhinney, Wm. Hawthorne, George C. Patterson, J. J. Thompson and V. E. Companions The Hon. James Sutherland and W. G. S. Reynolds.

The Committee endorse the expression of sympathy with sister Grand Chapters who have suffered severe loss by the death of the excellent Companions named in the address.

The Committee heartily endorse the hope expressed by the M. E. the Grand Z., that Companions appointed by sister Grand Chapters as representatives and guarantors of amity near this Grand Chapter will, in the future, give evidence of their appreciation of the honor conferred upon them by punctual and regular attendance at the Annual Convocations.

The Committee endorses the action of the Grand Z. in reference to the observance by the Chapters of the requirements of the constitution, that printed copies of the by-laws shall be presented to each brother upon receiving the Mark Master Mason's degree; that copies of the by-laws of each Chapter be filed in the office of the Grand Scribe E., and recommend that incoming Grand Superintendents shall pursue the enquiry already commenced.

The Committee concur in the views expressed by the Grand Z. in reference to the desirability of uniformity in the color of the ribbon of which the Royal Arch clothing is made, and recommend that the Grand Scribe E. be empowered to procure and issue to the Chapters samples of the ribbon in the authorized colors, hue and texture.

The Committee are glad to receive assurance from the Grand Z. that he has been ably assisted in the discharge of the important duties of his office by the officers of Grand Chapter and especially by that indefatigable Companion, the Grand Scribe E.

The Committee congratulates Grand Chapter in having as its presiding officer a Companion who, in addition to the faithful discharge of the actual duties of his high office, has been able to supplement the work of the district Superintendents by visiting Chapters located in each of the Provinces which compose the vast jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, an able, earnest and zealous Companion who by his kindly disposition and courteous manner has won for himself the loving attachment of Grand Chapter and of all of his Companions.

Fraternally submitted,

HUGH MURRAY,
Chairman.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, seconded by M. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Executive Committee on the address of the M.E. Grand Z. be received and adopted.

PAST RANK CONFERRED.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Your Committee to whom was referred the memorial from King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 8, praying that the rank of Past First Principal be conferred upon E. Comp. Malcolm Gibbs, desire to state that they are not in favor of establishing a precedent which infringes upon the rights of a private Chapter.

That as E. Comp. Anthony Malone, of Ancient Frontenac and Cataragui Chapter, No. 1, Kingston; E. Comp. Malcolm Gibbs, of King Solomon's Chapter, No. 8, Toronto, and V. E. Comp. Hugh A. MacKay, of St. John's Chapter, No. 6, Hamilton, Past Second Principals of their respective Chapters, are the only surviving members of Grand Chapter, who have not held the rank of First Principal but are members of Grand Chapter under the conditions prevailing in former days, your Committee

therefore recommends that this Grand Chapter confer the rank of Past First Principal upon the above mentioned Excellent Companions.

On behalf of the Committee,

A. SHAW,
Chairman.

It was moved by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Conferring Past Rank, be received and adopted.

TESTIMONIAL TO PAST GRAND Z.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation unanimously passed a resolution appointing a Committee composed of the Grand Council together with M. E. Comp. Hugh Murray, R. E. Comp. Aubrey White and R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, to procure and present to M. E. Comp. Abraham Shaw a fitting testimonial in recognition of his services in the capacity of a member of the Grand Council and Grand First Principal for the previous two years.

The occasion of the presentation was the meeting of Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Chapter, No. 1, at Kingston, the mother Chapter of the distinguished Companion whom Grand Chapter was pleased to honor. There was a notable gathering of the Royal Craft, and many visitors were present from Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston and other Masonic centres. M. E. Comp. Roaf, Grand Z., introduced the members of the Committee who had accompanied him on that occasion, making deserved complimentary reference to the object of their mission. A handsome cabinet of silver, together with the regalia of a Past Grand Z. were presented to the worthy Past Grand Principal, and M. E. Comp. Roaf on behalf of the Committee and Grand Chapter read the

following address, which was artistically engrossed and illuminated and finished in morocco bound covers. M. E. Comp. Shaw made an eloquent reply.

To Most Excellent Companion Abraham Shaw, Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

"MOST EXCELLENT SIR AND COMPANION,—Upon your retiring from the office of Grand First Principal, the duties of which you discharged so acceptably for two years, Grand Chapter appointed a Committee to procure and present to you a suitable testimonial expressive of the high esteem in which you are held by your Companions.

It is with pleasure that we now proceed to carry out the wishes of the Grand Chapter, and on its behalf we present for your acceptance the accompanying testimonial.

"It must be gratifying to you, as it is to us, to know that such unprecedented prosperity has attended the operations of the Royal Craft during the period of time it has been under your rule as presiding officer, and we desire to extend to you our most sincere congratulations upon the great increase in membership, the improved condition of the finances, but more especially upon the fact that perfect harmony prevails throughout the whole jurisdiction.

"To the faithful and zealous discharge of the onerous duties of presiding officer of this Grand Chapter is due in a large measure its continued prosperity and advancement, and from the zeal displayed in the discharge of the duties of the several offices through which you have passed since you became a member of the Royal Craft we are led to hope that you, like many of your illustrious predecessors, will continue to give Grand Chapter the benefit of your matured experience in the future.

"In visiting so large a number of Chapters scattered over the vast territory covered by this Grand Chapter, extending as it does from the Ottawa River to the Pacific Ocean, you performed a work of great magnitude, but the enthusiastic reception tendered to you by your Companions and the loyal support given upon all occasions must have afforded you ample compensation for the time and labor that it cost. The benefit accruing from these visits will long be felt and the kindly words uttered, the grand and noble principles enunciated, will be sacredly treasured in the hearts of your Companions.

"We further desire to take this opportunity of assuring you that you have to the fullest extent the loving regard and fraternal well-wishes of the officers and members of Grand Chapter and of the Companions at large for your continued welfare and prosperity.

"Our prayer is that the blessing of the Most High may constantly attend you, and that you and yours may always be within His only care and keeping."

Signed on behalf of the Grand Chapter, this 19th day of May, 1905.

WILLIAM ROAF,	} Committee.
JOHN LESLIE,	
GEO. MOORE,	
HUGH MURRAY,	
AUBREY WHITE,	
W. S. R. MURCH,	

It was moved by R. E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch, seconded by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Testimonial Committee be received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE.

A communication from R.E. Comp. John S. Dewar, a member of the Committee on Benevolence, was read, to the effect that business necessities precluded him from the privilege of attending Grand Chapter, and requested the Companions to accept his resignation from active duty. Whereupon it was moved by M. E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R.E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That this Grand Chapter learns with regret that circumstances compel the resignation of R. E. Comp. John S. Dewar from active participation in the duties of the Executive Committee which for so many years he has served with faithful devotion and trusts that the near future may see him again amongst us to lend to our deliberations his valued advice and assistance.

It was moved by M.E. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by R.E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That the vacancy on the Committee of Benevolence created by the resignation of R.E. Comp. Dewar be filled by the election of M.E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson.

It was moved by R.E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, seconded by R.E. Comp. John Leslie, and

Resolved,—That M.E. Comp. J. E. Harding be continued a member of the Committee on Benevolence for the term of three years.

The following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence, and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for their respective terms :

M.E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, Toronto,	retires in	1907
R.E.Comp. J. B. Nixon, Toronto,	"	1908
M.E. Comp. J. E. Harding, Lindsay,	"	1909

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. The M.E. the Grand Z. having appointed Ex.-Comps. C. Koelln, W. H. Blight, and Dr. A. S. Gorrell scrutineers of the ballot, the results of the elections were declared as follows :

M.E. Comp. William Roaf, K.C., Toronto,	Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. John Leslie, Winnipeg,	Grand H.
R.E. Comp. George Moore, Hamilton,	Grand J.

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

Grand Chapter resumed labor, when the following nominations were submitted to the M.E. the Grand Z. who was pleased to approve in each case and the selections were confirmed.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

R.E. Comp.	Chas. Koelln, Windsor,	St. Clair	Dist. No.	1
"	" John Graham, London,	London	"	2
"	" Frank Reid, Simcoe,	Wilson	"	3
"	" Robt. Irvine, Orangeville	Wellington	"	4
"	" A. W. Peene, Hamilton	Hamilton	"	5
"	" E. L. Dickinson, Goderich	Huron	"	6
"	" A. E. Phipps, Grimsby,	Niagara	"	7
"	" R. W. Clewlo, Toronto,	Toronto	"	8
"	" S. E. Foster, Warton	Georgian	"	9
"	" A. J. Hewson, Cobourg,	Ontario	"	10
"	" R. E. Wright, Picton,	Pr. Edward	"	11
"	" Thos. Dowell, Brockville	St. Lawrence	"	12
"	" A.S.Gorrell,M.D., Ashton	Ottawa	"	13
"	" C.W.McCrea, S. Ste. Marie	Algoma	"	14
"	" H. Cockman, Winnipeg,	Manitoba	"	15
"	" R. Eden Walker, M.D.,			
	New Westminster	Brit. Columbia	"	16
"	" J. W. Morris, Edmonton	Alberta	"	17
"	" Chas. H. Crandon, Nelson	Kootenay	"	18

The election of Grand Officers was then resumed, with the following results :

R.E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Toronto	Grand Scribe E.
M.E. Comp. Hugh Murray, Hamilton,	Grand Treasurer.
R.E.Comp. Donald Fraser, London,	Grand Scribe N.

R.E. Comp. Edward B. Brown, Toronto Grand Prin. Sojourner.
 R.E. Comp. Jas. McLauchlan, Owen S'd, Grand Registrar.
 Comp. Jas. H. Pritchard, Toronto, Grand Janitor.

The following Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year :

R.E. Comp. Aubrey White.....Toronto.
 R.E. Comp. W. S. R. Murch.....Kingston...
 R.E. Comp. W. T. Toner.....Collingwood.
 R.E. Comp. J. E. Halliwell.....Stirling.
 R.E. Comp. R. J. Craig.....Cobourg.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Toronto and Niagara Falls were nominated as the place to hold the next Annual Convocation. The voting declared the decision in favor of Toronto.

CHAPTER BY-LAWS.

In accordance with notice, it was moved by R.E. Comp. J. B. Nixon, seconded by R.E. Comp. Geo. Moore, and

Resolved,—That Clause 70 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following thereto :—

“ Every new Chapter upon receiving its Warrant shall, at its next regular Convocation thereafter, appoint a committee to draft By-laws in accordance with the foregoing provisions and shall proceed without unnecessary delay to adopt and ratify them and forward copies of the same in duplicate, duly certified by the First Principal and Scribe E., within three months, to the Grand First Principal, through the Grand Superintendent of the District for final approval. Such Chapter shall, in the interval, select by resolution, a code of By-laws of some existing chartered Chapter, regularly approved, to assist in its better government, pending the adoption of its own.”

THE AMERICAN P.M. DEGREE.

In the absence of R.E. Comp. J. W. Wallace, of Lindsay, who had given notice, and in order to bring the subject before Grand Chapter for final disposition, it was moved by M.E. Comp. Hugh Murray, seconded by M.E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson,

“ That the Constitution be amended to replace the Past Master degree in the Ritual to be conferred as formerly or in a modified form as may be decided by Grand Chapter.”

After a brief discussion the motion was put to Grand Chapter and declared *lost*, less than half a dozen of the two hundred or more representatives present being in its favor.

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE.

The motion re depositing nominations for office with the Grand Scribe E. before a certain hour on the day of the Annual Convocation, of which M. E. Comp. A. Shaw had given notice, was withdrawn, the M.E. Companion explaining that he had on examination found that under existing conditions the plan would be impracticable.

CEREMONIAL.

It was moved by V.E. Comp. D. A. Clark, M.D., seconded by M.E. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the M. E., the Grand Z. appoint a committee to take into consideration certain features in the closing ceremonies of the Chapter and report as to the advisability of a change that would not impair its meaning or solemnity.

VOTE OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. John Leslie, seconded by R.E. Comp. Geo. Moore, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to the Toronto Masonic Hall Trust for the use of the rooms, and to the Companions of the Toronto Chapters, for their kindly attention and fraternal reception of the officers and members of Grand Chapter, as well as for the arrangements made for the Forty-Eighth Annual Convocation of this Grand Body.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M.E. Comp. A. Shaw, assisted by the Past Grand Z.'s, then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly-elected officers of Grand Chapter, who were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

The following Companions were subsequently appointed to office by the M.E. the Grand Z.

R.E. Comp.	R. Hillier, M.D., Leam'g'n	Grand Senior Sojourner.
" "	Wm. Duncan, Eglinton	" Junior Sojourner.
" "	J. B. Nixon, Toronto,	" Lecturer.
" "	Jas. N. Rankin, Calgary	" Sword Bearer.
" "	Urban A. Buchner, Lon'n,	" Master of 1st Veil.
" "	Jas. F. Mercer, Hamilton,	" Master of 2nd Veil
" "	G. W. Clinton, Cumberl'd, B.C.	" Master of 3rd Veil
" "	G. R. Robertson, Trenton,	" Master of 4th Veil
" "	John Dickson, Brandon, Man.	" Standard Bearer.
" "	J. F. Grierson, Oshawa,	" Dir. of Ceremonies
" "	E. C. Davies, Toronto,	" Organist.
" "	P. J. Scott, M.D., S'ampton	" Pursuivant.

R. E. Comp. H. V. Pain, Ottawa, Grand Steward.

" " W. J. Logie, Paris, " "

" " R.L.T. Galbraith, Ft. Steele, " "

" " J. S. Gill, Sudbury, " "

" " G. W. Woodward, Waterloo, " "

" " F. S. Evanson, Prescott, " "

" " John H. Brown, Niagara, " "

" " Gilbert Gilmour, Toronto " "

" " Ed. C. Thornton, Listowel, " "

" " Jas. Sparling, Meaford, " "

The M.E. the Grand Z. further appointed the under-mentioned Companions to the Executive Committee :

R.E. Comp. D. F. MacWatt.....Sarnia.

" " William Walker.....Toronto.

" " William Forbes.....Grimsby.

" " D. H. McIntosh.....Carleton Place

" " H. T. Smith.....Toronto.

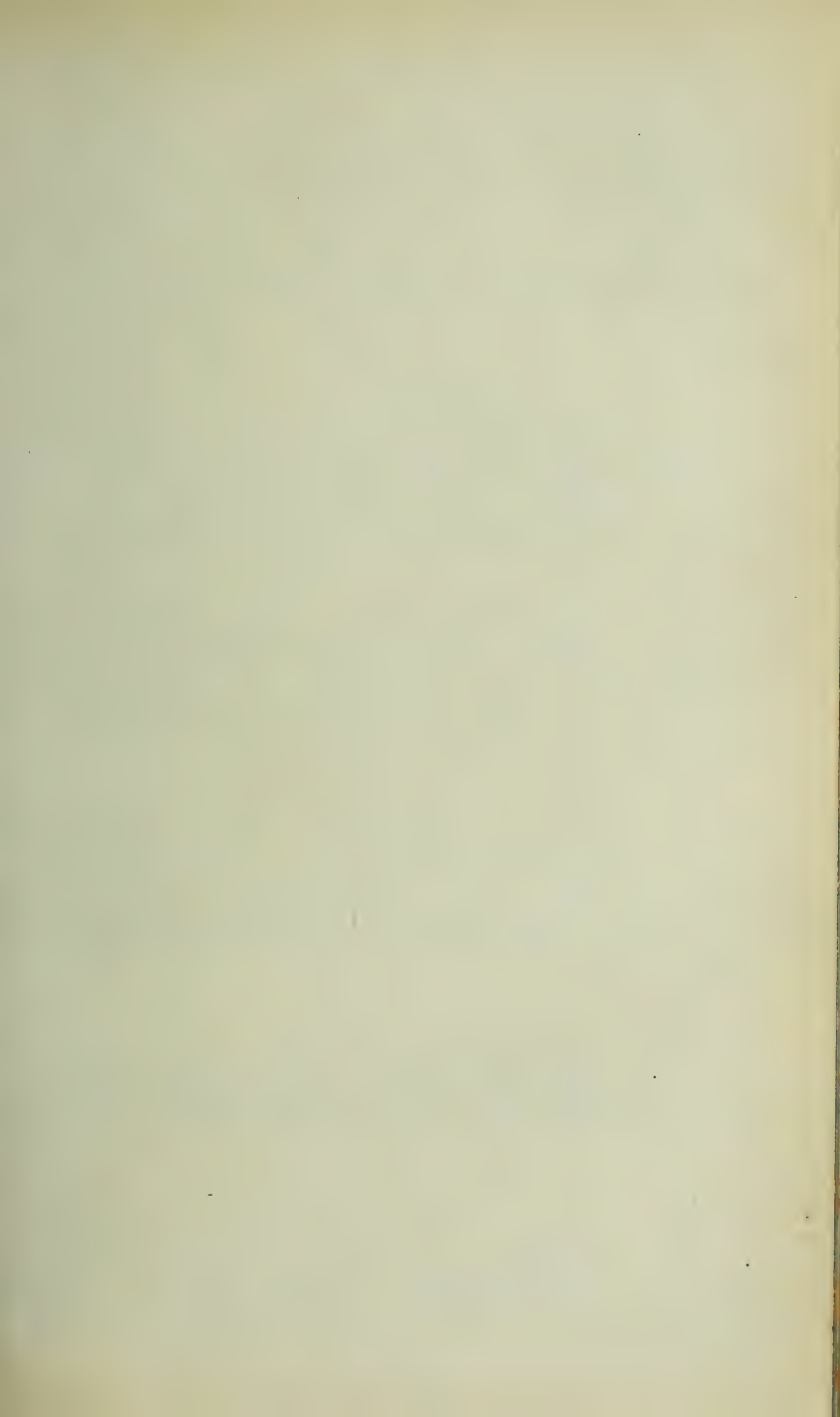
The labors of Grand Chapter being ended, it was closed in AMPLE FORM, at 6.30 p.m.



Geo. J. Brunch

Grand Scribe E.

TORONTO, JANUARY 24th, 1906.



61 Granite.	Second Tuesday	W. McArthur.	W. McArthur.	Robert Lees.	39
62 York.	Edmonton.	George McLeish.	George McLeish.	William Duncan.	1
63 Havelock.	Kincardine.	W. J. Bruce.	W. J. Bruce.	R. D. Hall.	6
64 Wilson.	Welland.	Joseph F. Phelps.	Joseph F. Phelps.	George Wells.	4
65 St. Paul's.	Toronto.	Sid. B. Sykes.	Sid. B. Sykes.	Lewis F. Riggs.	4
66 The Malloch.	Seaforth.	Thos. A. Hatcher.	Thos. A. Hatcher.	R. S. Hays.	1
67 Enterprise.	Harrison.	Andrew Fisher.	Andrew Fisher.	W. D. McLeish.	4
68 Matland.	North Augusta.	G. B. McGee.	G. B. McGee.	W. S. Love.	2
69 Grimsby.	Grimsby.	C. W. Harrison.	C. W. Harrison.	P. Falconbridge.	1
70 Grand River.	Bracebridge.	F. W. Mills.	F. W. Mills.	F. P. Warne.	2
71 Prince of Wales.	Amberburg.	E. R. Lewis.	E. R. Lewis.	A. L. Bennett.	2
72 Keystone.	Stirling.	P. E. McKee.	P. E. McKee.	J. E. Halliwell.	3
73 Erie.	Ridgectown.	Monday on or b. f. m.	Monday on or b. f. m.	A. Long.	2
74 Beaver.	Strathroy.	Thursday af. f. m.	Thursday af. f. m.	J. E. Wetherell.	4
75 St. Clair.	Milton.	A. J. McKinnon.	A. J. McKinnon.	Wm. Panton.	1
76 Mount Nebo.	Niagara Falls, S.	R. F. Carter.	R. F. Carter.	Louis Fischer.	3
77 Occident.	Parkhill.	H. G. Brown.	H. G. Brown.	G. K. Clemens.	1
78 Minnewawa.	Toronto.	D. C. Wilson.	D. C. Wilson.	W. Dawson.	2
79 Orient.	Toronto.	Francis Maxwell.	Francis Maxwell.	F. H. Anderson.	3
80 Ark.	Windsor.	Geo. B. McLeod.	Geo. B. McLeod.	A. E. Edgar.	1
81 Aylmer.	Aylmer.	E. E. C. Killmer.	E. E. C. Killmer.	J. E. Richards.	2
82 Shuniah.	Port Arthur.	J. H. Johnson.	J. H. Johnson.	J. W. Morgan.	1
83 Ionic.	Orangeville.	Andrew Hill.	Andrew Hill.	D. McPherson.	2
84 Lebanon.	Wingham.	J. P. Kennedy.	J. P. Kennedy.	H. E. W. Tamlyn, M.D.	3
86 Macpherson.	Meaford.	Jas. Sparling.	Jas. Sparling.	J. D. Hamill.	1
* 88 MacNabb.	Dresden.	J. I. Wiley, M.D.	J. I. Wiley, M.D.	J. B. Carscallen.	3
90 Golden.	Kenora.	Fred A. Campbell.	Fred A. Campbell.	G. C. Frisbie.	1
91 Antiquity.	Toronto.	A. E. Till.	A. E. Till.	P. K. Perry.	2
94 Midland.	Lindsay.	W. R. Kelly.	W. R. Kelly.	C. S. Patrick.	4
95 Tuscan.	Sudbury.	W. A. Evans.	W. A. Evans.	W. J. Cressey.	1
98 Vancouver.	Vancouver.	A. McC. Creery.	A. McC. Creery.	E. M. Cowperthwaite.	9
100 St. Lawrence.	Brockville.	A. Graham, Jr.	A. Graham, Jr.	E. A. Geizer.	5
* 101 Corinthian.	Bosseyan.	J. S. Wilson.	J. S. Wilson.	S. B. Hardy.	1
102 Algonquin.	Sault Ste. Marie.	D. W. Green.	D. W. Green.	C. B. Sexsmith.	5
103 St. John's.	North Bay.	John Cross.	John Cross.	N. J. McCubbin.	36
104 White Oak.	Oakville.	W. A. Chisholm.	W. A. Chisholm.	W. O. Joyce.	1
106 Alberta.	Calgary.	Thos. F. English.	Thos. F. English.	E. Nelson Brown.	1
110 Warkworth.	Warkworth.	J. Humphries.	J. Humphries.	P. S. Ewing.	2
† 111 Zeredathia.	Morden.	H. H. Bradfield.	H. H. Bradfield.	A. W. Massey.	1
112 St. John's.	Morrisburg.	F. Bisset.	F. Bisset.	J. Ridley.	1
113 Covenant.	Cornwall.	Henry Cox.	Henry Cox.	M. McKinnon.	2
114 Bonnechere.	Renfrew.	J. R. Inksater.	J. R. Inksater.	W. M. Whitehead.	10
115 Brant.	Paris.	James Garvin.	James Garvin.	A. H. Edwards.	1
116 Maple.	Carleton Place.	Theo. Zoellner.	Theo. Zoellner.	F. H. Spence.	2
117 Berlin.	Berlin.	F. A. Osborne.	F. A. Osborne.	A. R. Duncan.	1
118 North Star.	Edmonton.	W. A. Baker.	W. A. Baker.	E. H. Spence.	1
119 King Cyrus.	Leamington.	Henry Grigerich.	Henry Grigerich.	Robt. Lamarch.	5
120 Kootenay.	Kaslo.	L. T. McDonald.	L. T. McDonald.	E. E. Chipman.	14
121 Wascana.	Regina.	R. F. Townsend.	R. F. Townsend.	Edw. A. Jolly.	9
122 Rossland.	Rossland.	T. S. McPherson.	T. S. McPherson.	R. E. Plevman.	3
123 Nelson.	Nelson.	J. B. Johnson.	J. B. Johnson.	Thos. Morley.	1
124 Westminster.	New Westminster.	H. M. Burrow.	H. M. Burrow.	R. K. Chapman.	4
* 125 Rocky Mountain.	Cranbrook.				1
					42
					3
					36

No	Name of Chapter.	Where Held.	Regular Convocation.	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Admissions.	Joinings.	Restorations.	Withdrawals.	Suspensions.	Deaths.	Members.	Increase.
*126	Assiniboia.	Medicine Hat.	First Friday.	T. E. Carbery.	Jas. Cook	2	2					23	
127	Keystone.	Nanaimo.	First Thursday.	A. A. Davis.	John F. Doyle.	3	3		9			50	
128	Revelstoke.	Revelstoke.	Second Friday.	T. W. Bain.	Rev. C. A. Procutner.	4	1		1			46	3
129	Elliot.	Mitchell.	Second Tuesday af. f. m.	G. L. Money.	Wm. Babb.	4	2		2			38	1
130	Chantry.	Southampton.	Tuesday b. f. m.	Donald Ross.	T. H. Burns.	2						48	2
131	Anabel.	Warton.	Thursday on or b. f. m.	John Macaulay.	D. Huether.	4						38	4
132	Leeds.	Gananoque.	Tuesday af. f. m.	Louis Fraid.	W. S. Bowden.	48						104	48
133	St. Francis.	Smith's Falls.	Second Friday af. f. m.	Richard Craig.	Wm. Hyndman.	7	1		1			42	6
134	King Darius.	Cannington.	Wednesday af. f. m.	Thos. Foster.	Wm. Bick.	4	1		1			35	4
135	Succoth.	Uxbridge.	Monday af. f. m.	W. S. Ormiston.	W. M. Hare.	15	5		1			70	18
136	King Edward.	Neepawa.	Second Wednesday af. f. m.	Wm. Young.	Jas. McIntosh.	5	1		1			68	4
137	Crow's Nest.	Fernie.	Third Friday.	A. W. Bleasdel.	J. R. McEwing.	14	1					34	15
138	Shekinah.	Toronto Junction.	Second Tuesday.	G. W. Glendenau, M.D.	L. Harvie Robinson.	10	6					60	16
139	St. Andrew's.	Havelock.	Friday b. f. m.	Elias Williams.	Joshua R. Craig.	5						20	5
140	Fort William.	Brandon.	First Friday.	E. D. Higginbottom.	Wm. Taylor.	14						54	14
141	Keystone.	Brandon.	Second Monday.	Joseph Cornell.	Arthur P. Jeffery.	9	2					53	11
142	Cyrus.	Cumberland.	First Wednesday.	Lewis A. Nounce.	John Bard.	9	2					36	11
143	Glenarry.	Maxville.	Fourth Tuesday.	Geo. Chalmers.	D. P. McDiarmid.	6			7			45	
144	Presqu' Isle.	Brighton.	Second Friday.	B. C. H. Becker.	F. A. McRoblin.	10						34	10
145	The St. Patrick.	Toronto.	Third Friday.	John A. Cowan.	W. S. Milne.	201	1		2			328	198
146	Bernard.	Listowel.	Friday af. f. m.	F. Rogers.	W. J. Howe.	13						28	13
*147	Lucknow.	Lacknow.	Thursday af. f. m.	Harry Days.	Hugh Morrison.							35	
148	St. John's.	Vankleek Hill.	First Tuesday.	T. J. Stephenson.	K. D. MacLeod.	33	10					43	33
149	Alwood.	Rainy River.	Third Thursday.	E. A. Phinney.	E. A. Phinney.	16	16					32	32
150	London.	London.	Second Tuesday.	Chas. C. Reed.	U. A. Buchner.	24	28					52	52
U.D.	Laurentian.	Pembroke.	Third Tuesday.	A. J. Spaulding, M.D.	J. P. Millar, Jr.	5	26					31	31
U.D.	Alberton.	Fort Frances.	Third Thursday.	Chas. J. Hollands.	C. C. Fraleek.	5	9					14	14
Members deducted by forfeited charter						1,304	179	14	181	88	108	10,111	1,207
												26	
												10,085	11

*No returns to 31st December, 1905.
†Charter forfeited.

RECAPITULATION.

Number of Members Dec. 31st, 1904.	8,991	No. of Registrations to 31st Dec., 1905.	1,304
Chapters on Roll.	124	Joinings to 31st Dec., 1905.	179
Chapters Represented.	92	Restorations to 31st Dec., 1905.	14
			1,497

Forward..... 1,497
Number of Withdrawals..... 181
Suspensions..... 88
Deaths..... 108
Membership Zeredatha Chapter, No. 111,
charter forfeited..... 26
403

Net gain.....

Total Membership December 31st, 1905

1,092

SUSPENSION, U.M.C.

No. 69. W. E. Spera.

SUSPENSIONS, N.P.D.

No. 2. Wm. Linklater, Andrew C. Walls, Wm. Simpson.

No. 4. T. E. Cleverdon, Robt. Greenaus. C. J. Riches.

No. 5. J. H. Herbert, J. T. Merchant, A. E. Roote, John Paul,
J. J. Golpin, G. B. Reeve, Jas. Tilby, G. A. Stone,
Alex. McLeary.

No. 8. F. M. Bell-Smith, E. A. Whitehead, J. D. Forsyth, H. D.
Wismer, Wm. Crichton, R. J. Durrant, C. Thompson.

No. 15. G. R. Dowswell, John Dowswell, D.T. Elder, S. Johnston,
G. F. Logan, D. Mackenzie, Robt. McKnight, A.
Newcombe, W. Roderick, F. R. Seager, Wm. Steed,
J. H. Tonkin, E. P. Westell, W. B. Williams.

No. 18. E. M. Kern, J. B. Gillam, C. F. Anstice.

No. 23. W. W. Lemon.

No. 36. Jno. H. Dixon.

No. 41. Thos. Choate, J. K. Creighton, C. H. Grant, W. Pow,
J. R. Lancaster, Thos. Dougan.

No. 48. Jean A. Brunet.

No. 53. Thos. Wheatley, J. T. H. McKay, L. B. Weller.

No. 54. Sam'l. Webb, Joseph Slade, C.E. Edwards.

No. 60. W. W. Haight, R. H. Tinsdale, J. B. Rowney, W. Kil-
kenny, J. S. Boddy, A. L. Aubin, E. R. Anderson,
W. A. McCormack, A. E. Roe, Jas. W. Allan, J. H.
Hewitt, W. J. Stewart, F. Lenard.

No. 62. Thos. Newton, Stanley McKeown Brown.

No. 67. Alex. Wyness, Benjamin Shepherd.

No. 70. William Gall, G. E. McCready.

No. 73. J. D. Campbell, W. H. Richards, W. Lusser.

No. 91. Samuel Jackson, Fred. W. Hall, C. W. Barton, E. M.
Thompson, W. H. Smith.

No. 100. James Norris.

No. 104. C. E. Anderson.

No. 113. J. M. Cook, G. B. Stedman.

No. 117. E. V. Bryant.

No. 135. M. L. Nutting.

RESTORATIONS.

No. 3. W. R. Dunn, Frank Shopland.

No. 7. Thos. E. Elliott.

No. 30. Wm. Baillie.

No. 37. Chas. D'A. O'Brien.

No. 47. John B. Pike.

No. 53. O. E. McIntosh.

No. 70. Matthew C. McCaw.

No. 78. John Smith, E. M. Bigg, W. H. Witty.

No. 82. Arch. T. Gekie.

No. 94. Edw. Fitzgerald.

No. 98. W. R. Dunn.



M. EX. COMPANION

Kivas Tully

HON. PAST GRAND Z.

and

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND
CHAPTER OF IRELAND

DIED 24th APRIL, 1905

TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

James O'Connor

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

LONDON DISTRICT—1874

DIED 23d DECEMBER, 1905

WINNIPEG, MAN.

R. EX. COMPANION

William Hawthorne

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

LONDON DISTRICT—1880

DIED 7th DECEMBER, 1905

LONDON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

James Wilson

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

TORONTO DISTRICT—1878

AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND
CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA

DIED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1905

TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Isaac P. Willson

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

NIAGARA DISTRICT—1881

DIED 30th NOVEMBER, 1905

WELLAND, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

George Middleditch

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT—1893

DIED 29th JANUARY, 1905

RIDGETOWN, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

James M. Quinlan

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

ONTARIO DISTRICT—1894

DIED 24th APRIL, 1905

PORT HOPE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

Wm. B. McArthur

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

and

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF ALABAMA

OTTAWA DISTRICT—1895

DIED 28th NOVEMBER, 1905

CARLETON PLACE, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

A. G. McWhinney

PAST GRAND SUPERINTENDENT

LONDON DISTRICT—1896

DIED 10th JULY, 1905

LONDON, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

George C. Patterson

PAST GRAND PRIN. SOJOURNER—1872

DIED 2nd JULY, 1905

TORONTO, ONT.

R. EX. COMPANION

John J. Thompson

PAST GRAND PRIN. SOJOURNER—1900

DIED 12th JANUARY, 1906

TORONTO, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

W. G. S. Reynolds

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER—1889

DIED 4th JANUARY, 1905

OTTAWA, ONT.

V. EX. COMPANION

James Sutherland

PAST GRAND SWORD BEARER—1890

and

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND CHAPTER
OF NEW BRUNSWICK

DIED 4th MAY, 1905

WOODSTOCK, ONT.

Deaths

No. of Chap.	NAMES.	DEATHS.
1	John Kerr.....	16th June.....
1	Wm. McNamee.....	22nd August.....
2	Jas. McClure.....	20th June.....
2	W. S. Clark.....	20th July.....
3	Jas. E. Vodden.....	2nd September.....
3	Wm. Hawthorne.....	7th December.....
3	Jas. O'Connor.....	23rd December.....
4	David Walker.....	— January.....
4	T. C. Trenwith.....	— June.....
4	C. O. Rockwood.....	10th October.....
5	A. G. McWhinney.....	10th July.....
5	R. W. Barker.....	— Sept.....
5	J. Overell.....	— Sept.....
6	Thos. Renwick.....	5th March.....
6	W. J. Hammill.....	6th June.....
6	J. C. Campbell.....	31st October.....
7	J. W. York.....	29th July.....
8	Kivas Tully.....	— April.....
8	Hugh Wilson.....	4th April.....
8	Geo. C. Patterson.....	— May.....
8	J. G. Gibson.....	— December.....
15	Thos. G. Johnston.....	4th July.....
16	W. G. S. Reynolds.....	— January.....
16	Chas. Scrim.....	6th November.....
16	W. B. McArthur.....	28th November.....
18	Jas. Sutherland.....	4th May.....
18	W. R. Brown.....	12th May.....
19	Jas. McDonagh.....	27th January.....
19	J. A. Marquis.....	13th February.....
20	John Bishop.....	26th December.....
22	Walter Hateley.....	3rd May.....
23	Henry McQueen.....	20th January.....
23	Geo. Vail.....	30th January.....
23	W. A. Ferguson.....	23rd February.....
23	W. S. Perry.....	22nd August.....
26	John Coleman.....	28th September.....
26	W. B. Urquhart.....	5th November.....
27	Chas. Cameron.....	23rd March.....
27	Wm. Watts.....	6th June.....
29	Harmon Root.....	27th February.....
29	R. F. Lattimore.....	10th April, '04.....
29	N. Braund.....	27th November, '04

Deaths

No. of Chap.	NAMES.	DEATHS.
31	P. D. Ostrander.....	27th March.....
31	Austin Way.....	17th March.....
31	J. J. Fralick.....	2nd June.....
37	Jas. W. Quinlan.....	24th April.....
40	Archibald Little.....	— August.....
40	Thos. P. Smith.....	3rd November.....
45	P. Haiman.....	18th January.....
45	E. J. Cox.....	23rd March.....
45	J. J. Campbell.....	18th July.....
46	E. W. Harding.....	— October.....
47	Thos. Nichol.....	2nd March.....
47	Robt. Riddell.....	8th June.....
52	J. C. Kennedy.....	25th October.....
53	A. E. Harney.....	27th May.....
53	G. S. Crosbie.....	17th August.....
53	Wm. Redford.....	20th October.....
53	Harrison Cory.....	28th November.....
54	S. J. Puddicombe.....	22nd April.....
54	C. A. Cole.....	13th November.....
56	Thos. Gordon.....	23rd May.....
60	Geo. Wright.....	5th April.....
60	Jas. McCluskey.....	17th February.....
62	H. J. Southby.....	1st February.....
64	N. B. Hagar.....	13th February.....
64	I. P. Willson.....	30th November.....
64	A. J. Crow.....	17th October.....
65	Victor Lee.....	17th August.....
67	Robt. Scott.....	7th June.....
70	W. R. Beatty.....	8th February.....
73	Geo. Middleditch.....	29th January.....
76	E. J. Fischer.....	25th July.....
77	James Wilson.....	30th September.....
79	Frank Wismer.....	1st February.....
80	Geo. Rigg.....	5th March.....
80	Mark Medcalf.....	17th December.....
80	Fred Spain.....	25th December.....
82	A. S. McLellan.....	
82	Harry Street.....	14th December.....
83	David Dick.....	27th February.....
83	A. Neilson.....	11th December, '02.
83	James Wilson.....	30th September.....
90	F. J. Apjohn.....	26th April.....

Deaths

No. of Chap.	NAMES.	DEATHS.
91	A. B. Cordingly.....	18th June.....
91	Wm. Martin.....	11th May.....
91	Thos. C. Cass.....	23rd March.....
95	John Colvin.....	— November.....
98	H. J. Bourne.....	11th March.....
98	A. D. Olmstead.....	1st December.....
98	T. H. Roblin.....	1st December.....
103	Silas Huntington.....	3rd August.....
104	M. H. Smith.....	1st October.....
106	Alex. Gibson.....	29th April.....
112	W. H. Allison.....	19th April.....
114	W. B. Craig.....	— March.....
114	G. W. McDonald.....	— November.....
116	A. Nicholls.....	11th November.....
116	W. B. McArthur.....	28th November.....
117	R. Von Pirch.....	14th March.....
118	Thos. Houston.....	11th April.....
128	H. J. Bourne.....	11th March.....
129	J. C. Hill.....	— September.....
134	Hugh Wilson.....	4th April.....
145	A. B. Cordingly.....	18th June.....
145	Ed. Baumann.....	6th September.....

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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"	John Graham, London,	London	"	3
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"	A. E. Phipps, Grimsby,	Niagara	"	7
"	R. W. Clewlo, Toronto,	Toronto	"	8
"	S. E. Foster, Wiarton,	Georgian	"	9
"	A. J. Hewson, Cobourg,	Ontario	"	10
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"	Thos. Dowell, Brockville,	St. Lawrence	"	12
"	A. S. Gorrell, M.D., Ashton	Ottawa	"	13
"	C. W. McCrea, S. Ste. Marie	Algoma.	"	14
"	Hy. Cockman, Winnipeg,	Manitoba	"	15
"	R. E. Walker, M.D. N. W'ter	Brit. Columbia	"	16
"	J. W. Morris, Edmonton	Alberta	"	17
"	Chas. H. Crandon, Nelson	Kootenay	"	18

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"	Donald Fraser, London.....	Grand Scribe N.

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"	W. T. Toner.....	Collingwood
"	J. E. Halliwell.....	Stirling
"	R. J. Craig.....	Cobourg

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"	" William Walker.....	Toronto
"	" William Forbes.....	Grimsby
"	" D. H. McIntosh.....	Carleton Place
"	" H. T. Smith.....	Toronto

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Reid, Wm. Gibson, A. Shaw, and H. Robertson.

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R.E. Comp. J. B. Nixon.

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Walker, Donald Fraser, R.E. Wright, Robert Irvine, R. J. Craig,
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W. S. R. Murch, E. L. Dickinson, Frank Reid, A. S. Gorrell,
S. E. Foster, Thos. Dowell.

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Graham, C. H. Crandon, A. W. Peene, A. E. Phipps, R. W.
Clewlo, A. J. Hewson, C. W. McCrea, J. W. Morris.

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R.E. Comps. Aubrey White, Chairman ; Wm. Forbes, W. D.
McIntosh, W. T. Toner.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

R.E. Comp. Geo. J. Bennett, Chairman.

LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, NO. 1.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. Chas. Koelln, Windsor.

No.		No.	
47,	Wellington...Chatham....	80,	Ark.....Windsor....
71,	Pr. of Wales..Amherstburg	88,	MacNabb....Dresden....
73,	Erie.....Ridgetown..	119,	King Cyrus..Leamington

LONDON DISTRICT, NO. 2.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. John Graham, London.

No.		No.	
3,	St. John's.....London...	54,	Palestine...St. Thomas..
5,	St. George's....London...	74,	Beaver.....Strathroy...
15,	Wawanosh.....Sarnia....	81,	Aylmer.....Aylmer.....
53,	Bruce.....Petrolia...	87,	MinnewawaParkhill.....
		150,	London....London.....

WILSON DISTRICT, NO. 3.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. Frank Reid, Simcoe.

No.		No.	
18,	Oxford.....Woodstock..	41,	Harris.....Ingersoll....
20,	Mount Horeb Brantford....	115,	Brant.....Paris.....

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, NO. 4.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. Robt. Irvine, Orangeville.

No.		No.	
32,	Waterloo....Galt.....	83,	Ionic.....Orangeville...
40,	Guelph.....Guelph.....	117,	Berlin.....Berlin.....
67,	Enterprise...Harriston...		

HAMILTON DISTRICT, NO. 5.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. A. W. Peene, Hamilton.

No.		No.	
2,	The Hiram.....Hamilton....	75,	St. Clair...Milton.....
6,	St. John's....Hamilton....	104,	White Oak Oakville....

HURON DISTRICT, NO. 6.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. E. L. Dickinson, Goderich.

No.		No.	
24,	Tecumseh....Stratford...	84,	Lebanon...Wingham....
30,	Huron.....Goderich....	129,	Elliot.....Mitchell....
66,	St. James....St. Mary's..	130,	Chantry...Southampton
50,	Saugeen.....Walkerton..	146,	Bernard...Listowel....
63,	Havelock....Kincardine..	147,	Lucknow...Lucknow....

NIAGARA DISTRICT, NO. 7.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. A. E. Phipps, Grimsby.

No.		No.	
19,	Mt. Moriah... St. Catharines	64,	Willson... Welland.....
29,	McCallum.... Dunnville....	69,	Grimsby. Grimsby.....
55,	Niagara.... Niagara.....	76,	Mt. Nebo Niagara Falls S.
57,	King Hiram Pt. Colborne..		

TORONTO DISTRICT, NO. 8.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. R. W. Clewlo. Toronto.

No.		No.	
4,	St. And. & St. John's, Toronto	79,	Orient.... Toronto.....
8,	King Solomon's, Toronto..	91,	Antiquity... Toronto.....
60,	Doric..... Newmarket	135,	Succoth.... Uxbridge....
62,	York..... Eglinton...	138,	Shekinah.... Toronto Junc
65,	St. Paul's.... Toronto...	145,	The St. Patrick, Toronto..
77,	Occident,.... Toronto...		

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, NO. 9.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. S. E. Foster, Wiarton.

No.		No.	
27,	Manitou.... Collingwood.	86,	Macpherson. Meaford. . .
34,	Signet..... Barrie.....	103,	St. John's... North Bay..
56,	Georgian.... Owen Sound.	131,	Amabel.... Wiarton....
70,	Grand River.. Bracebridge.		

ONTARIO DISTRICT, NO. 10.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. A. J. Hewson, Cobourg.

No.		No.	
28,	Pentalpha... Oshawa.....	94,	Midland..... Lindsay...
35,	Keystone.... Whitby.....	110,	Warkworth... Warkworth
36,	Corinthian... Peterboro'..	134,	King Darius... Cannington
37,	Victoria.... Port Hope..	139,	St. Andrew's.. Havelock..
45,	Excelsior.... Colborne....	144,	Presqu'Isle... Brighton...
48,	St. John's.... Cobourg....		

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, NO. 11.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. R. E. Wright, Picton.

No.		No.	
7,	The Moira... Belleville...	44,	Mount Sinai.. Napanee...
26,	St. Mark's.... Trenton....	72,	Keystone.... Stirling....
31,	Prince Edward, Picton....		

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 12.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. Thos. Dowell, Brockville.

No.		No.	
1,	Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui.... Kingston...	100,	St. Lawrence Brockville. .
22,	Grenville.... Prescott...	112,	St. John's... Morrisburg .
59,	Sussex..... Brockville...	113,	Covenant... Cornwall....
68,	Maitland.... N. Augusta.	132,	Leeds..... Gananoque

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 13

Grand Superintendent. . R.E. Comp. A. S. Gorrell, M.D. Ashton.

No.		No.	
16,	Carleton.....Ottawa.....	133,	St. Francis.Smith's Falls
58,	Pembroke...Mattawa....	143,	Glengarry..Maxville....
61,	Granite.....Almonte....	148,	St. John's.Vankleek Hill .
114,	Bonnechere..Renfrew....		U.D., Laurentian, Pembroke..
116,	Maple.....Carlton Pl..		

ALGOMA DISTRICT, NO. 14.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. C. W. McCrea, Sault Ste. Marie.

No.		No.	
82,	Shuniah.....Port Arthur.	102,	Algonquin. S. Ste. Marie.
90,	Golden.....Kenora.....	140,	Ft. William, Ft. William.
95,	Tuscan.....Sudbury.....	149,	Atwood....Rainy River..
			U.D., Edmonton....Ft. Frances..

MANITOBA DISTRICT, NO. 15.

Grand Superintendent—R.E.Comp. Henry Cockman, Winnipeg.

No.		No.	
52,	Pr. Rupert..Winnipeg.....	136,	King Edward..Neepawa..
101,	Corinthian...Boissevain..	141,	Keystone.....Brandon..

BRITISH COLUMBIA DISTRICT, NO. 16.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. R. Eden Walker, M.D., New Westminster.

No.		No.	
98,	Vancouver...Vancouver...	127,	Keystone..Nanaimo.....
124,	Westminster.N. Westm'ter	142,	Cyrus.....Cumberland..

ALBERTA DISTRICT, NO. 17.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. J. W. Morris, Edmonton.

No.		No.	
106,	Alberta.....Calgary.....	121,	Wascana...Regina.....
118,	North Star...Edmonton..	126,	Assiniboia, Medicine Hat

KOOTENAY DISTRICT, NO. 18.

Grand Superintendent—R.E. Comp. Chas. H. Crandon, Nelson.

No.		No.	
120,	Kootenay...Kaslo.....	125,	Rocky Mount'n.Cranbrook
122,	Rossland...Rossland....	128,	Revelstoke Revelstoke...
123,	Nelson.....Nelson.....	137,	Crow's Nest..Fernie.....



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"	"	Samuel Wesley	Barrie	John C. Bone	Batesville
"	"	A. McGinnis	Belleville	Wm. A. Davies	San Francisco
M.E.	"	A. Shaw	Kingston	Chas. H. Jacobson	Denver
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"	"	Rd. Mahoney	Guelph	A. W. Johnston	Washington
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"	"	Robt. Hendry, Jr.	Kingston	W. M. Shaver	Topeka
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R.E.	"	R. G. W. Conolly	Dunnville	Richard Lambert	New Orleans
"	"	John E. Harding	Lindsay	Stephen Berry	Portland
M.E.	"	Oliver Ellwood	London	John H. Miller	Baltimore
"	"	E. E. Chipman	Kaslo	J. Gilman Waite	Boston
"	"	Wm. Gibson	Beamsville	Chas. A. Conover	Coldwater
R.E.	"	J. Ross Robertson	Toronto	Thos. Montgomery	St. Paul
"	"	W. H. Mowat	Brockville	Fred Speed	Vicksburg
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"	Aubrey White	Toronto	North Carolina			"	Charles C. Clarke	New Berne	F. J. Thompson	F. J. Thompson	Wilmington	Wilmington
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R.E.	Donald McPhie	Hamilton	Pennsylvania			"	Thos. R. Patton	Philadelphia	Will H. Whyte	Will H. Whyte	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
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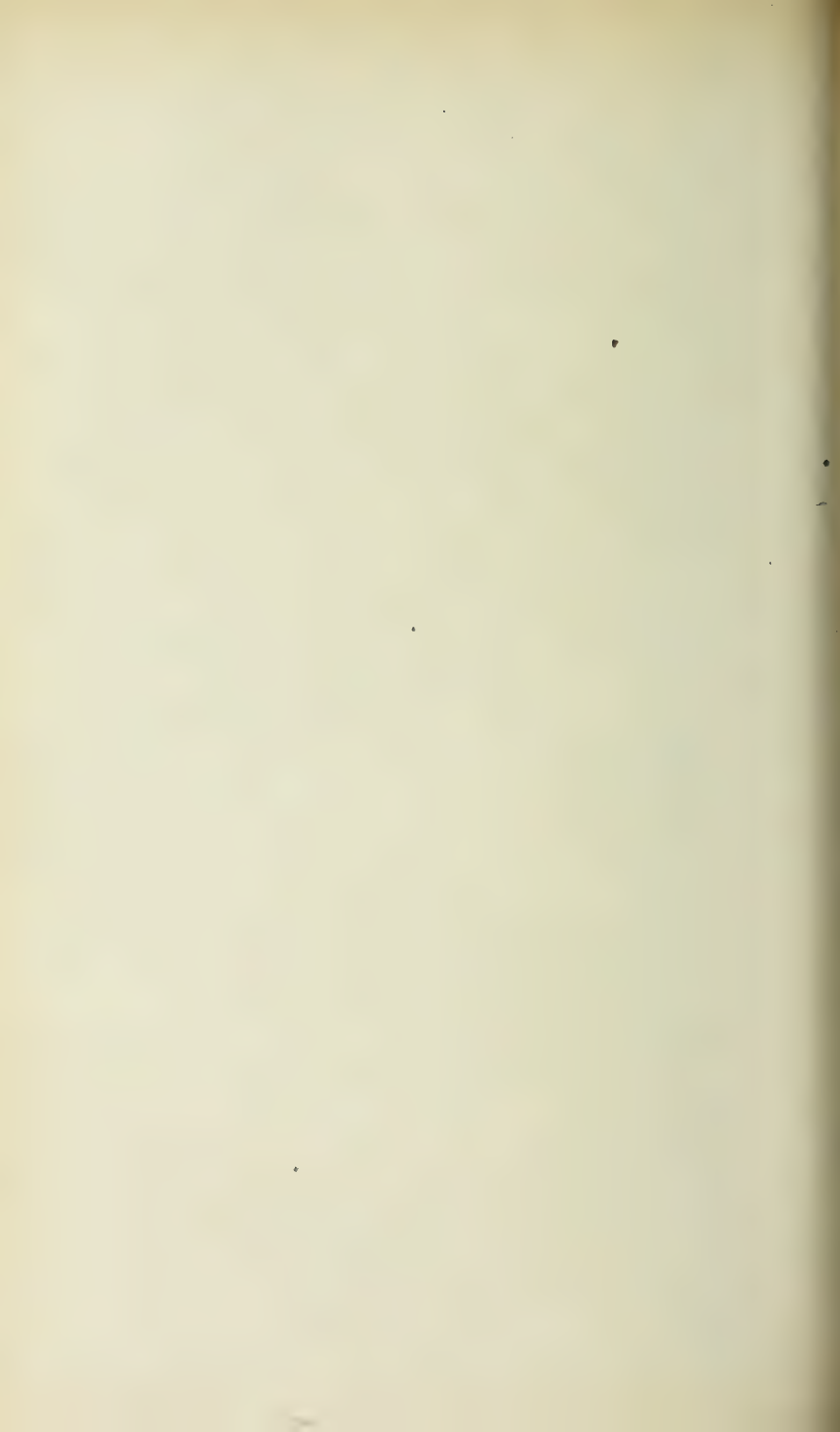
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Delaware.....	Virginius V. Harrison.....	Wilmington.....	New York.....	None.....	None.....
District of Columbia.....	Arvine W. Johnson.....	Washington.....	New Zealand.....	James Southgate.....	Durham.....
England.....	None.....	None.....	North Carolina.....	None.....	None.....
Florida.....	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.....	North Dakota.....	G. W. Wakeford.....	Charlottetown, P. E. I.....
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APPENDIX



REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

*To the M.E. the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.*

The appended review of the doings of our sister Grand Chapters, so far as their printed proceedings have come to hand, is as complete as a careful perusal of the many thousands of pages of material presented, can reasonably be offered. If faulty, and indeed perfection either in collation or criticism is not claimed, it will nevertheless afford a fair idea of the great progress and stability of the Royal Craft universal and give to our Canadian Companions a glimpse of existing conditions and opportunity for comparison or emulation. It is a matter for regret that we are obliged to close with some of the volumes unperused, only because they have not reached our table in time to be included in the list as here given.

Alabama.....	1904	New Hampshire.....	1905
Arizona.....	1904	New Jersey.....	1905
Arkansas.....	1904	New South Wales.....	1904
California.....	1905	New York.....	1905
Connecticut.....	1905	North Carolina.....	1905
Delaware.....	1905	North Dakota.....	1905
District of Columbia....	1905	Nova Scotia.....	1904
Florida.....	1905	Oregon.....	1905
Georgia.....	1905	Pennsylvania.....	1904
Indiana.....	1905	Quebec.....	1905
Indian Territory.....	1905	Rhode Island.....	1905
Kansas.....	1905	South Carolina.....	1905
Louisiana.....	1905	South Dakota.....	1905
Maine.....	1905	Tennessee.....	1905
Maryland.....	1904	Texas.....	1904
Massachusetts.....	1904	Vermont.....	1905
Michigan.....	1905	Victoria.....	1904
Mississippi.....	1905	Virginia.....	1904
Missouri.....	1905	Washington.....	1905
Montana.....	1904	Western Australia.....	1904
Nebraska.....	1904	West Virginia.....	1904
Nevada.....	1905	Wisconsin.....	1905
New Brunswick.....	1904		

Alabama

Chapters 49...

Members .. 2032

"The seventy-eighth Convocation of this Grand Chapter finds Royal Arch Masonry in a most prosperous condition." said Grand High Priest Charles R. Bricken to his Companions assembled in annual conclave at Montgomery on December 5th, 1904. As an indication of "perfect harmony" he was only appealed to three times for a ruling. In one of them he held that a subordinate Chapter of his Grand Jurisdiction may receive and act upon the petition of a brother Master Mason in good standing in his home Lodge, even though said Lodge may be in a foreign country.

Now here's a glorious opportunity for the Canadian "taboo." A return ticket to the "land o' cotton" is all that is necessary and the "despised and rejected" may re-appear clothed in royal habiliments and a triumphant mien. This weighty decision received the stamp of approval from the sapient minds appointed to consider the same.

Grand King McQueen was taken during the year and to his memory he pays a deserved tribute.

With the advent of the newly adopted work he looks for a revival of interest and activity. He countenanced the re-organization of two somnolent Chapters and dispensed authority to Companions at Heflin to form a new one.

The Grand Representative roll was readjusted under his guidance and he reported happily that during a two year term not a single unpleasant incident occurred to disturb the even tenor of his way.

Western Australia's one year old Grand Chapter asked to be taken into Alabama's fraternal bosom. In its appeal for recognition it announced that it "had assumed the control of the degrees of Mark Master, Excellent Master, and Royal Arch; the Installation Degrees of the three Principals Z., H. and J.; Installed Master in the Mark Degree, and the Ark Mariner and Red

Cross Degrees," All of which was apparently satisfactory until somebody of more exacting disposition asked for reconsideration. Accordingly the wise heads of the State discussed the situation and their conclusion that England and Scotland should be consulted before taking final action, was approved. The report was therefore, reloaded on the Foreign Correspondence Committee.

Last year we noted that a resolution to the effect "that a Royal Arch Mason who dimitts from a Master Mason's Lodge and remains unaffiliated of his own volition for more than one year, stands suspended as a Royal Arch Mason," was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee to report on at this Convocation. The Committee did so, and

' Beg leave to report that we have carefully considered the same and report adversely thereon.'

Kosciusko kept his equilibrium that time and "freedom" continued to smile. The heads on Alabama's wise men are set level and their admiration for Emerson on "consistency" must be profound. The resolution then went to Grand Chapter but failed to receive the necessary two-thirds majority, the vote being 77 for the resolution and 48 against.

It is no cursory review of the Grand Chapters that Companion William Y. Titcomb submits for the perusal of Alabama Royal Arch Masons. As was remarked before, nothing escapes him, and if the constituency he worthily serves, fails to appreciate him it is their loss.

Commenting on our views of dependent membership he remarks:

And is there no such thing as 'freedom' under the law? Companion Bennett says dependent membership 'is a phase of compulsion.' "Compulsion" indeed! It is that sort of compulsion which holds one in the hands of affection for his earliest and best friend. Take away symbolic Masonry, and what becomes of our Fraternity? Kick away the foundation stone, and the super-structure will surely fall."

Heard that before somewhere. A pretty sentiment that has been made to do covering duty so frequently

and variously that it has become familiar. The figure of cold fact, however, is all too palpable beneath that shadowy mantle. Moral obligation there may, and must be, but within the Masonic fold there should be no place for shackles, or as Companion Titcomb with touching delicacy calls them, "the hands of affection." But

What's in a name ? That which we call a rose
By any other name would smell as sweet.

And, by the way, what comprises the "super-structure"; surely not the Royal Arch, which, it is admitted, is the continuation and completion of the third degree?

Basil M. Hill, Springville, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Beauchamp, Montgomery, Grand Secretary.

Arizona

Chapters . . 7. Members . . 433. "

An increase of fourteen since last report and Grand High Priest Anthony Arthur Johns congratulated the Fifteenth Annual Convocation at Tucson, on the 16th November, 1904, thereon. All are at peace too in Arizona and likely to continue so if a conflict of opinion on ritual does not occasion a ripple. The G.H.P. referred to the adoption of the General Grand's work as not being wholly satisfactory and the Grand Lecturer openly declared that the old, or "Caswell," work appeals to the affections of not a few who desire to return to their first love.

A pioneer Arizonian and Mason passed away in the previous September in the person of Past Grand High Priest James Davidson Monihon, who was known as "the father of Phoenix." He was a sturdy Indian fighter in the days when the territory was the home of the Apache and his later years were devoted to rendering it a monument to the great civilizing influence of Christianity.

The treasurer's growing and comfortable cash balance encouraged the Committee on Finance to recognize the

source of the prosperity and recommended an increase in the Grand Secretary's salary.

An evidence of that officer's care was the jewel procured as the distinctive badge of the Grand High Priest. The limit of fifty dollars was permitted, but the Grand Secretary gladdened the hearts that were to beat under the trinket by producing an elegant article for \$21.50.

Quebec's representative was unable to be present but over the portentous cognomen of "Hickey" he sent a nice communication in which he referred to great events occurring under the aegis of the Grand Chapter from which he is accredited and the divinity that doth hedge about the chief thereof.

The Foreign Correspondence Committee felt that the time had not yet arrived when they could afford to contribute to the already plethoric purse of the affluent printer so contented themselves with the statement that all was well in the Capitular world outside Arizona. They had been asked to recommend the recognition of Western Australia but preferred to think twice on the request, which was laid over for a year.

Similarly the Companions who struggled with the ritual problem requested a twelvemonth's breathing spell, as the time then was too short for the free play and expansion of the Committee's intelligence.

The installation of officers took place and the outgoing Grand High Priest retired wearing a souvenir jewel and a smile of relief.

John J. Sweeney, Phoenix, Grand High Priest.

George J. Roskrige Tucson, Grand Secretary.

Arkansas

Chapters .. 72.

Members .. 2506*

Gaylord J. Klock, of Eureka Springs, M. E. Grand High Priest presided over the fifty-fifth annual Convocation at Little Rock, on the 17th November, 1904.

He did not have much to say and he said it well. He made three official visits, one of them to his home Chapter, and two decisions, the latter of the threadbare variety. Concluding his brief address he expressed the belief that his Masonic zeal had not abated in any way and later on his Companions voted him a jewel. "Reward sweetens labour."

The Grand Secretary reported the cause of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction in a progressive and enthusiastic condition.

A number of Companions of Pocahontas Chapter No. 63, defunct, asked for a restoration of the charter of said Chapter and their request was smiled upon. A similar petition from Dalcho Chapter which had been declared defunct by cremation was also favoured.

A Companion appealed against the action of a Chapter which failed to discover any basis for charges laid against a member and declined to put him on trial. The Grand Chapter Committee in like manner could find nothing to support the appeal and of course dismissed it. What sprouts of dissension are possible when seedlings of this description are permitted to find even a temporary place in kindly soil.

Among Arkansas' corps of plenipotentiaries abroad, is her faithful representative in this jurisdiction, R. E. Comp. John McLaren of Orangeville. He never fails to despatch a dutiful resume of his Grand Chapter's doings which at the hands of the Grand body from which he is accredited receives handsome recognition. His most interesting communication was read to the Companions at Little Rock and ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

Companion John B. McCaleb furnishes a pleasant review of the Grand Chapters to hand and includes Canada for 1904. He refers to the Washington method of charging visiting Companions for communicating a preliminary degree and expresses the opinion that the U. S. system "is so constituted that the courtesy of

visitation cannot be extended to Companions who are not Past Masters either actual or virtual." In that deduction he is perfectly right, but he misses the point at issue. Would Arkansas do as Washington has done, viz. exact a fee from a visiting Royal Arch Companion who, to enable him to sit in Chapter, has communicated to him a missing degree? General Grand Chapter does not do so. It is not so done in Canada where R.A. Masons from England are frequently visitors and who, submitting to the "system," are duly qualified and fraternally welcomed, without money and without price. The laws of General Grand Chapter may not agree with those of Arkansas but we feel confident that they are not regarded with disrespect in that loyal jurisdiction.

James R. Donnell, Conway, Grand High Priest.

John C. Bone, Batesville, Grand Secretary.

California

Chapters .. 81.

Members .. 8984.

Four new Chapters and a net gain of nine hundred in membership. Such is the proud record for the year of light 5905 in the Golden State.

Seventy-six of the Chapters were represented at the Fifty-first Annual Convocation in San Francisco on April 18th, 1905.

Grand High Priest Charles Lewis Patton who was Grand Master when the Grand Lodge met in Fifty-first Annual Communication, shook hands with himself on the fact that he presided over the Royal Craft on its reaching a similar epoch:

"The new half century for the Grand Chapter begins under the most flattering auspices. Peace and harmony prevail. Success has attended our efforts and the Royal Arch standard, which dropped from the nerveless hands of our predecessors, has fallen into the hands of no unworthy successors."

It will be inferred from the foregoing that no flies linger caressingly on the unassuming figure of Charles

Lewis. He issued dispensations for the establishment of four new Chapters and was disposed to share the credit of the great increase in membership between the Triennial Conclave of K. T's. and the good work of the Grand Lecturer.

He supported one of his decisions by the statement that there is no law of Grand Chapter or of the General Grand Chapter prohibiting the election and exaltation of a hotel-keeper or dealer in spirituous liquors.

The ritual question in California was still an undetermined quantity and he permitted the constituent bodies to please themselves in the matter pending authoritative decision. Half of the Chapters favored the old system the rest inclined to the General Grand's preparation. He urged a prompt settlement of the difficulty by Grand Chapter which later decided to adopt the "standard", or General Grand Chapter's work.

His recommendation that the Grand Lecturer be paid a \$1200 salary and expenses was received favorably, but the proposition to economize on the Grand Treasurer's stipend of \$100 was snuffed out.

In view of a resolution of Grand Chapter that liquors be prohibited at Chapter festivities he, when appealed to, ruled in accordance therewith, though his private conviction was opposed to its provisions. He therefore recommended that the resolution be rescinded and at some length advanced arguments to sustain the faith that he cherished:

"I do not believe that any Masonic body should assume to interfere with the use of liquor by its members either when assembled at a banquet of the Chapter or at any other time. Masonry does not teach total abstinence. Masonry does teach temperance which it enjoins upon its members as one of the cardinal virtues, but it defines temperance 'as that due restraint upon the passions which renders the body tame and governable.'"

* * *

"I can not understand, for my part, the frame of mind of that man who assumes, be it as a Mason or otherwise, to dictate to his fellowmen just what they should drink or eat. I do not

believe that legislation of this kind was justified by any abuse of liquor in the Chapter Hall, nor is it warranted in a governing body organized by Companions who being of lawful age have voluntarily associated themselves together for such purposes as have Royal Arch Masons. We must at least give our Companions the benefit of the doubt, and say that being men of lawful years they have become freed from the frivolities of childhood and are able to govern themselves without dictation by anyone as to what they shall lawfully eat or drink or do during the hours of refreshment at the meetings of their subordinate Chapters, or elsewhere."

* * *

"I believe that the resolution is doing harm rather than good in all the Chapters in California. Let us treat this matter Masonically. Should you see a Companion yielding to the insidious temptation of the wine cup and becoming intemperate in his habits, gently, *but privately*, take him by the hand, whisper good counsel in his ear, and in the friendliest manner possible endeavor to bring about a reformation, but do not, I beg of you, attempt to perpetuate a blot upon our record by continuing a resolution whose very existence assumes that some of our Companions are not men of lawful age in the fullest sense of the word."

The committee wrestled with the above for some time and were divided in opinion, presenting two reports. That favoring the original resolution was finally sustained by 144 to 82. and the sociable and soul inspiring ginger beer will continue to exhilarate the Companions of the vine clad state in the Golden West, even to the exclusion of pure cold water for

"Water is the mother of the vine
The nurse and fountain of fecundity
The adorning and refresher of the world."

Grand Secretary Davies presented an interesting report and pardonably referred therein to the growth of Grand Chapter which from 1025 members in 1860 had increased to nearly nine thousand in 1905.

Thomas Flint, Sr., and Lewis Cass Wittenmyer, Past Grand High Priests, were among those whose names figure on the record of the silent angel. "They were Masons of reputation, each one of whom left his mark upon his work and so deeply inscribed that neither time nor tide will ever efface it."

Companion Davies' report on Correspondence is quite up to his standard of excellence. It includes a faithful

review of Canada for 1905. Our system of superintendence appeals to him

"These reports are the backbone of the Capitular organization in Canada. They show the condition of the Chapters and their prospects of future usefulness."

Thomas Flint, San Juan, Grand High Priest.

William A. Davies, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

Connecticut

Chapters . . 40.

Members . . 6953.

Stephen P. Goodsell, M.E. Grand High Priest did not absorb much time in addressing the One hundredth and seventh Annual Convocation at New Haven on the 9th May, 1905. Death had mercifully passed by and the official roster remained intact.

He was asked: "What would be the standing of an English Royal Arch Mason in a Connecticut or New York Chapter?" and decided that "as the possession of the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters' degrees is a pre-requisite to receiving the Royal Arch degree in this Jurisdiction, no Royal Arch Mason who had not received those degrees could be admitted as a visitor in any Royal Arch Chapter in Connecticut, which is in accordance with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter."

He omitted to add that in accordance, also, with General Grand Chapter regulations, Connecticut would be pleased to communicate those missing degrees to a visiting English Companion, *free of charge*, in order to enable him to enjoy the privilege of Royal Arch Companionship.

He recommended that, "as intermittent charity is never so fruitful of results as an even, steady contribution, that the Grand Chapter annually make a liberal appropriation toward the support and maintenance of the Masonic Home of Connecticut.

With his associate officers he did good work visiting the Chapters and gently but firmly suppressed any ten-

dency in the Companions to mar the solemnity and impressiveness of the ceremony by levity.

Very little business came before Grand Chapter and the various committees found themselves without employment.

In Companion J. H. Barlow's report on Correspondence he finds little for comment or criticism. Yet it is compiled with a view to interest the reader and in that respect he is eminently successful. Canada for 1905 is not overlooked and he quotes M.E. Comp. Shaw's decisions with approval. With the writer he is in accord on all but one point.

"His allusion to those on the side of freedom reminds us of the Methodist exhorter who thanked God salvation was free—that he had belonged to the church for five years and it had only cost him 25 cents. Companion Bennett is one of the few who do not favor dependent membership—this is about the only thing we find to criticize."

Under Alabama he refers to a case which came under his notice, of "a Mason who had taken his dimit in all the Masonic bodies up to and including the Commandery, retaining active membership only in the Shrine."

Observe he still calls that man "a Mason". We do not doubt for a moment that similar cases could be found elsewhere. Yet, they are no argument against that same principle of freedom. Compulsory membership in the several Masonic bodies would not have deterred the man from climbing to the object of his peculiar vanity, but would it have made him a better man or inclined him to regard Masonry for what it is? Moreover, would Lodge or Chapter, outside the pecuniary feature, benefit one iota by such an acquisition? On the contrary it should be a matter for congratulation that they are rid of him. If men of such elastic morals gain admittance to the Craft the fault must not all be laid to their account. What of the obligation and responsibilities of the sponsors who recommended and vouched for them; are they not to be considered?

He quotes Companion Davies of California whose reason for dependent membership "just meets his view."

"It is not for the purpose of building up the Lodge that membership in that Body is required by those who insist on dependent membership, but rather that those who wish to be known as Masons of high degree shall also bear their part of the burdens, for every one knows that principal contributions are made in the Lodge, and he who wishes to pose as a Mason at all should be willing, and if not willing, required, to contribute his just share."

There you have it in homeopathic shape. "Take hold of the wings of the morning" and soar to what altitude you please. Don shining apparel and bask in the refulgence of dazzling jewels and glittering titles, encourage the sprouting of feathers and cap yourself with the latest design in halos,—but, if you want to be an angel please to remember a little mundane matter that might otherwise escape you. It is only a trifle of dollars and cents. You may have lost interest, if you ever had any, in a certain burden which it is necessary to carry down here and although you may not be willing, it behooves us to require that you contribute your share. Having done that you can if you fancy it, fly to —regions that we know not of. True, you may not be a Mason at heart but we will keep you one in name any way, whether you like it or not and when you get tired of and relinquish the balloon business then you are at liberty to get out and be —happy.

The maintenance of membership by means of the persuasive bludgeon may be satisfactory as a burden reliever but that it will ever assist as a Masonic evangel we are slow to believe. The "money or your life" doctrine has never yet brought a penitent to the convert's fold.

Joseph R. Johnson, Essex, Grand High Priest.

James McCormick, Hartford, Grand Secretary.

Delaware

Chapters 4.

Members 840

This "right little, tight little" jurisdiction again made a brave showing at the Thirty-seventh Annual Convo-

cation at Wilmington on the 18th January, 1905, with M.E. Grand High Priest J. Harmer Rile presiding.

He congratulated Grand Chapter on increased membership, and expressed regret that one of the four Chapters was behind with its returns.

He sustained the appeal of a Companion who was suspended indefinitely by his Chapter for disobedience of summons, the usual trial formalities having been dispensed with. He ordered the re-instatement of the Companion and his action was sustained by Grand Chapter.

The Past Master degree is apparently on its trial in Delaware. In closing his address the Grand High Priest said:

"I have only one recommendation to make to the Grand Chapter, and that is, that the Grand Chapter consider the advisability of abolishing and eliminating the Past Master's Degree from Royal Arch Masonry in the Grand Chapter of Delaware. My reasons for making this recommendation are that the Grand Lodge, A.F.A.M. of Delaware, has already taken a position on this mooted question, and while I am aware that the Grand Lodge, A.F.A.M. of Delaware, has nothing whatever to do with the Past Master's Degree as conferred in the Chapter, yet *I am also of the opinion that the Chapter should have nothing to do with the Past Master's Degree.*

To that end I recommend that a committee of five Past High Priests be appointed to consider the advisability of abolishing the Past Master's Degree from Royal Arch Masonry in the Grand Chapter of Delaware, and report to the Grand Chapter of Delaware at its next Annual Convocation, together with its recommendations."

In its report to Grand Chapter the Committee on the address reported "We recommend that the recommendation of the Grand High Priest relating to the P.M. Degree be adopted," and Grand Chapter unanimously concurred.

His recommendation referring the application of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia for fraternal recognition to be referred to the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, was adopted.

Past Grand High Priest V. V. Harrison, continues as the welcome Correspondent and he furnishes the usual cheery report. He reviewed Canada for 1904

Some comments on liquor legislation in the Craft by the Nevada Correspondent, elicits the following:

"The consumption of intoxicants by the human race has gone on since the beginning of time, and will go on until time shall be no more. Traffic in liquors is legalized in every country in the civilized world. In our own country we find States and parts of States that operate under local option laws. What is the result? The "stuff" is smuggled into those places, and under all manner of disguises, and freely used. We believe legislation along this line a failure. We echo the words of our Companion quoted above. Use the blackball and use it freely. We believe as one of our own Past Grand Masters, now deceased, often expressed himself. *"The blackball never makes a mistake."*

John Oliver, Wilmington, Grand High Priest.

James H. Price, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

District of Columbia

Chapters . . 12.

Members . . 3154. "

"The clock of the Universe has marked another year." This was the original observation of M.E. Grand High Priest Augustus B. Coolidge in opening his address to the Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation at Washington, on the evening of February 8th, 1905.

That year was a peaceful period for the chief ruler. His labors were light. "All quiet along the Potomac."

"The machinery of Capitular Masonry in the District of Columbia has been so nicely adjusted by the expert workmen in the past, is kept so free from dust by the intelligence and ability of the presiding officers of the constituent Chapters, and so well lubricated with the harmony which prevails, that it runs with smoothness and performs its work without jar or noise, requiring little labor on the part of the one placed in charge."

A clause to the effect "that the degrees may be conferred upon officiating clergymen not engaged in any secular employment without charge," was expunged in the most recent issue of the Constitution. A Chapter however had acted upon the old provision and then asked a ruling. The Grand High Priest decided that the petition was improperly received and now somebody has got to "pony up."

A Chapter was enveloped in a tangle over the election of a secretary. The ballots cast numbered 103, of which the leading candidate received 52. The committee of inspection, however, declaring that 54 were necessary for a choice the High Priest declared "no election" and ordered a further ballot notwithstanding vigorous protest. It was then found that the second man in the running had increased his support and receiving the necessary number was declared elected. On the eve of Grand Chapter the High Priest of the Chapter wrote detailing the circumstances and the Jurisprudence Committee declared in favor of the first election.

The Grand High Priest reported having witnessed the work in all the Chapters of his jurisdiction, which he declared was accurate, but the omission of the requirement, as to proficiency in the preceding degree, he urged, called for prompt attention. The suggestion might well apply elsewhere.

Western Australia's appeal for recognition was held over for a year.

Grand Secretary Johnstone succeeded, as usual, in presenting a bright and instructive review of the Grand Chapters for the benefit of his Companions. He is a supporter of the dependent membership idea and under Alabama submits the following to help jack it up.

"The Chinaman, when he builds a house, first puts the roof in position, and from that works down. Those opposed to dependent membership work on the same lines in maintaining one, removing the substructure to suit some one's convenience. If the upper works do not fall and crush such foolish workmen, they will be fortunate."

Unfortunately for that contention the structures in question are distinct. Even Companion Johnston would resent the idea that the Templar body, the Shrine or any other rite, furnishes the roof, that shelters the ancient Craft, rather is it the latter which provides the bed rock on which the others rest for security.

Again in reply to remarks of our own he says:

"It does not follow in requiring a Companion to maintain his good standing in the Lodge that we are especially desirous

of retaining him in either. The idea is that if he is not possessed of that 'sense of honor' which would impel him to make good his obligations in the 'lower bodies,' he is not the character of man whom we desire to retain in the so-called 'higher bodies.'"

That point of view must appeal to any who give the subject consideration. Wanting the characteristics that go to make a good Master Mason he is not likely to be a desirable acquisition in the Chapter, Commandery or anything else. In expressing our individual conviction on this question let it be understood that we are not defending the attitude of the jurisdiction we represent. It is purely a personal opinion. In Canada there are a few who are in agreement with the doctrine advocated by our Companion and we are willing to admit that "the whole hog" is more consistent with reason than the qualifying morsel required by our own and even other Grand Chapters which enact that an applicant for the Royal Arch must be an affiliated Master Mason and leave him to his own sweet will subsequently. To be strictly in line with our idea of independence and that freedom which we hold is consistent with the principles taught by the *ancient* Craft, the qualification should stop at being a Master Mason in "good standing" affiliated or otherwise. Dependent membership, like many other innovations is simply the modern necessity for dollars and cents.

It is perplexing, but true, that we have too many "Masonic" governments that claim their influence and sustenance from the one source, and rely on that source for their future stability. Dependent membership would not now be a subject for controversy had the traditions and regulations of old been adhered to. William Preston, the distinguished English ritualist and writer who became a Mason in 1762 says, and his words even from that remote period, may well apply to present day experience.

"It is well known to the Masons of this country, that some men of warm and enthusiastic imaginations have been disposed to amplify parts of the institutions of Freemasonry, and in their supposed improvements to have elevated their *discoveries* into *new degrees*, to which they have added ceremonies, rituals and dresses, ill suited to the native simplicity of the Order, as it was *originally practised in this country*. But all these degrees,

though probably deserving reprehension, as improper innovations on the original system of Masonry, I can never believe that they have either proceeded from bad motives or could be viewed in any other light *than as innocent and inoffensive amusements.*"

And as it was then, so it is now. At a later period. (1813) it was "declared and pronounced" by the act of union between the two Grand Lodges of England.

"That pure Ancient Masonry consists of the three degrees and no more, viz.: those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

There were no upper stories to that structure. The additions have all been "attracted" since and to insure their stability have nested upon "pure ancient Masonry." By many it is believed that our pioneer brethren, both in the old land and the new, erred, when they divorced the Master Mason from the Royal Arch which is its logical continuation and completion. In placing the latter under separate government that error was accentuated and the further opinion prevails, that in decorating it with incongruous frills, the product of imitative successors to the inventive genius of William Preston's time, it was but adding insult to injury. That the Royal Arch should be more nearly allied to the Master Mason and under the one ruling head, has been, and is, the dream of many which neither at this day, nor in the near future, is likely to be realized. Were it so, dependent membership and other vexing problems born of outside influences would never be heard of for the latter could not without their basic support have ever attained to the dignity of an influence.

Companion Johnston quotes us in the matter of the nomenclature of Chapter officers and rather emphasizes our declaration that the High Priest usurps the functions of another. Here is his rejoinder.

"The reformers spoken of were not revising the Symbolic degrees, but the Capitular, and they demonstrated *their* objection to always having kings sloshing around in high places by making one of them play second fiddle to a priest, a thing that has happened more than once in real life, but usually *sub rosa.*"

Thus, the distorting of sacred history to accommodate democratic views, is comprehensively vindicated. The lack of "respect for ancient customs" on this side of the line may now be passed with a frivolous reprimand, and a comforting prospect too, as even the Canadian hide is not without its weak spots. But that the spirit which once animated the democratic soul of the great American ritual reformer is extant to-day and breathes even through fraternal amenities, is demonstrated in Companion Johnston's comment on a resolution passed at the Grand Chapter of England which expressed gratitude to Divine interposition for preserving the Capitular ruler from death in a recent accident and congratulation to the latter on his escape. It is just probable that a similar resolution under similar circumstances elsewhere, would have been permitted to pass in silence or with a word of sympathy, but in this case, there was a brother of a king involved, a prince, in fact, was "sloshing around" and our humorous Companion seizes the golden opportunity:

"What the nature of the accident was or how thrilling was the escape of the head of Capitular Masonry in England does not appear in the report nor linger in our recollection of the news of that period, but that the results were not serious nor lasting is a cause of congratulation among the Masons of the world as well as those of England; and after all the provincial grand bodies shall have expressed their horror at the peril and thanksgiving at the escape of the very estimable gentleman who has been the object of all this solicitude, we will be proud to remember that we, too, shared in the varied emotions occasioned by a threatened catastrophe the circumstances of which, if we ever knew, we have forgotten.

He shared in the emotion probably because he too "sloshed around" for a period as a representative of regal eminence while on his way to sacerdotal dignity and it is just possible that even among his democratic associates he could discover, without the aid of a search warrant, many who glory in the pomp and circumstance of mock royalty and on whose tongue a high sounding title is rolled as a sweet morsel.

"A substitute shines brightly as a King,
Until a King be by; and then his state
Empties itself, as doth the inland brook
Into the main of waters."

With Companion Johnston we could stay beyond the limit if it were permissible. His mood and style are attractive, but time and space compel a regretful adieu. "Happy to meet again."

Henry K. Simpson, Washington, Grand High Priest.

Arvine W. Johnston, Washington, Grand Secretary.

Florida

Chapters . . 25.

Members . . 1209.

There was a goodly array of Grand Representatives among the Companions gathered at the Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation in Jacksonville, but he from Buena Vista who bears Canada's credentials was not among them on that sunny 9th of May, last. "Unavoidably detained" was pleaded in his behalf and this year's Grand Captain of the Host bears another name.

Grand High Priest Lewis C. Massey regarded the out-look through rose colored glasses. The Royal Craft, he said, enjoyed peace and harmony and had made substantial gains in its membership which showed a gain of 12 per cent., for the year. 20 per cent. of the Master Masons of the State are enrolled among the Chapters.

A veteran worker in the quarries had been called during the year to receive wages. Past Grand High Priest John S. Driggs, who for a score of years had been an invalid, died in the previous February.

Permission was sought by the next nearest Chapter to confer the degrees on a brother, who lived within the jurisdiction of a Chapter that was practically moribund. The law, however, interposed and the Grand High Priest suggested that the chief ruler should be invested with the "power to grant such a dispensation when a brother's laudable ambition for promotion in Masonry is barred by the neglect of a Chapter to hold its required Convocations. The law ought to exist for the benefit of active, not of negligent or moribund Chapters."

Jefferson Chapter, located at Monticello was chartered only two years after the formation of the Grand Chap-

ter, and became dormant a quarter of a century ago. An appeal for its restoration was considered favorably.

The Grand High Priest made numerous and useful visitations. In one of the Chapters he noted an active Companion of ninety-three years, who as Principal Sojourner rendered that portion of the work "in such a perfect manner, as would embarrass many who are younger in years."

He noted too the ubiquitous smoker and remarked "I am no enemy of tobacco, but I confess that I never enter a Chapter where the air is filled with smoke or see during every period of ease in the work a number of Companions light cigars, or perhaps pipes, without a feeling that they have not considered the incongruity of their action."

"In the progress of a ritual in which there are many prayers and invocations to the Almighty, it is surely only less irreverent to smoke than it would be in church, and it is also to be remembered that those to whom smoking is objectionable, of whom I am not one, are entitled to have their rights considered. Nor do I think it tends to the candidate's proper perception of the true character of the degrees on which he is entering, to have him introduced into a room which resembles a smoking room, rather than a consecrated Chapter Room of Royal Arch Masonry.

Nor were his remarks on the deplorable tendency to "climb" less pertinent.

"Within the past few days, I heard a young brother say that he was only a Blue Lodge Mason and did not want any more Masonic degrees, but had to take them in order to enter the Mystic Shrine. In my opinion, such a candidate should be halted on the threshold of the Royal Arch, until he has learned that its degrees do not exist for the purpose of rendering candidates eligible for membership in another body, which has no necessary connection with Masonry."

Having overheard the remark, we presume he achieved something more practical than clinging to an opinion, righteous though it may be.

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence was directed to report a regulation providing for the Annual election of officers without nominations.

There was no report on Correspondence.

Olin S. Wright, Plant City, Grand High Priest.

Wilbur P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary.

Georgia

Chapters 127 . . .

Members . . . 5237.

"We are now assembled in the capacity of the Eighty-third Convocation of this Grand Chapter," said Grand High Priest Y. A. Wright to a large assemblage of his Companions in the City of Macon, on the 26th of April 1905, and incidently remarking that the gavel which he held was of "ivory" proceeded to clothe a few choice precepts in language that left no doubt of his earnest desire to present something new.

"Gaze on the silent shining spheres, as in eternal unending cycles they move like silver barques upon the azure sea of heaven; and as from each of them there radiates some light to brighten and to bless, so when the night of sorrow darkens the home of a Companion, be thou a star of sympathy and love, from which across the pathway of these to whom life seems a never ending night, shall come bright beams of hope."

Georgia's rulers for many terms have left their eloquent impress upon the records and in depth of thought and variety of expression the M. E. Companion of this year of light might with justice be described as having taken a front seat.

He contrived various visitations but modestly refrained from making his report "burdensome and expensive" by giving them in detail. He gave credit to Past Grand High Priests Lambdin and Oslin who did yeoman service in "marching through Georgia" imparting instruction and enthusiasm, indeed to the former's zealous devotion he attributes the gratifying increase in Capitular strength

He urged with no small degree of fervour, the appointment of a permanent lecturer which led at a later stage to the submission of a resolution for consideration to the effect that Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Council unite on a Grand Lecturer:

"To supersede the present cumbersome system of appointing officials, whose business it shall be to visit all Masonic bodies and unify the work, and who shall be paid a suitable salary, and give his entire time to the work."

Men of brain capacity are not by any means scarce in Georgia but the man who can be found to fill the bill as above will tax even the comprehensiveness of the "Empire State of the South."

He was kept busy in arranging for new Chapters, granting dispensations and issuing rulings, among the later was one which was relegated to nine wise men of Georgia to construct something upon which it could safely rest without being a target for possible flying bricks.

"I was asked, is it lawful for Companions to go to a room after the Chapter was closed, and which was adjacent to the Chapter room, and partake of refreshments, including beer? I ruled that Companions could repair to a room other than the Chapter room after adjournment and partake of such refreshments."

The records fail to disclose how much time was devoted to a consideration of the above, but what those nine wise ones evolved out of their concentrated intellect is so ingenious, so deliciously refreshing, that the "individuals," might well be excused for absorbing it in lieu of the beer that apparently was the cause of much profound thought:

"Your Committee is of the opinion that the word "Companions" should be omitted from this ruling, as it is calculated to convey the idea that these brethren partook of these refreshments, "including beer," as "Companions" of that particular Chapter, and not as individuals, and the use of that word carries with it the further idea that these refreshments "including beer," were furnished from the funds of the Chapter. If such was the case, notwithstanding the room where such refreshments were had was "adjacent" to the Chapter room, and that the Chapter was closed, this ruling in our opinion, was in error; but if it meant that after the Chapter was closed, the Companions as individuals, and at their own expense, enjoyed these refreshments, then the ruling is approved and affirmed with this construction."

Western Australia applied for recognition but whether the appeal was considered and acted upon deponent sayeth not.

Closing his address the Grand High Priest pays tribute to the Grand Secretary and reveals that which hitherto was concealed. Hardly fair:

"The real secret of his efficiency lies, not only in his own merits and close application to his duties, but to that grand

and good mother Mason, Sister F. E. Wolihin, who yet uses the twig on him."

Past Grand High Priest Charles Wessolowsky, on July 8th, 1904, breathed his last. He was born in Germany in the year 1838.

"In the death of Companion Wessolowsky, Georgia loses a distinguished citizen, Masonry loses a noble exemplar. He was sincerely devoted to her cause, and practiced her tenets in his daily life. He faithfully served this Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest for three years, and while in that important station, he won for himself a national reputation."

The Committee on Charters deprecated the tendency to grant charters to new Chapters indiscriminately, and for the protection of the Grand Chapter and of the subordinate Chapters now in existence, recommended the adoption of a by-law forbidding the establishment of new Chapters within seven miles of one already established, except in cities of over ten thousand inhabitants.

An appropriation of \$1,000.00 for the support of the Masonic Home in addition to the appropriation of 1904 was recommended, and the Grand Treasurers' salary increased to \$300., the victim of the "twig" being passed over on this occasion.

Companion Arthur S. Harris, Superintendent of the Masonic Home, spoke interestingly of the Home, its work and progress and his remarks were highly appreciated by Grand Chapter.

Canada's worthy representative M.E. Companion A. M. Lamdbin submitted a careful, chatty and kindly review of the Grand Chapters, ours for 1905 receiving three pages of attention. Commenting on the reports of the Grand Superintendents he says:

"Our Companions are determined that the Chapters shall be active and zealous and become efficient, and their proficiency will make them love the Order and guard their Chapters from debt, and provide for that benevolence that will not permit want, suffering nor the lack of true fraternal affection, that ably provides for the support and defense of the Craft from anything or everything that lessens true manhood and the welfare of the Companion."

"The writer appreciates the honor to be your representative in this, the 'Empire State of the South,' and holds himself in

readiness to obey any instructions that your body may require of him, to cement between the Dominion and Georgia all ties as to the Capitular degrees, and for the furtherance of good fellowship and companionship."

John C. Joiner, Atlanta, Grand High Priest...

W. A. Wolihin, Macon, Grand Secretary.

Indiana

Chapters .. 110.

Members .. 10,040.

"I gladly welcome you to this, our sixtieth annual meeting. With a net gain in the past year of six hundred and thirty-nine, we have a total of ten thousand and forty Royal Arch Masons under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter."

It was in Indianapolis, on the 18th October, 1905, just a month from present writing, that Grand High Priest William H. Hamelle uttered the above cheering words.

He announced with sorrow the death of Past Grand High Priest George H. Fish, which occurred in the city of Brooklyn, N.Y., on May 31, 1905. He presided over Grand Chapter in 1874.

Among invitations received was one from Quebec to celebrate Stadacona's jubilee. He acknowledged it gracefully and pleaded "distance".

He constituted one new Chapter and issued his dispensation to institute three others.

Admonition was meted out by him to a Chapter that had exalted a Companion, a minister, for the minimum fee of \$20.00, and had refunded all but \$2.00 of this fee. Ignorance of the law was pleaded.

Another Chapter that had started to gather in candidates at \$10.00 per head was also promptly held up, and the industry checked.

A dimit, issued by Manaos Chapter No. 12, of Manaos Brazil, South America, was deposited with the secretary of Brazil Chapter No. 59, with the petition by the holder

thereof for affiliation with said last named Chapter. The dimit was written in the Portuguese language, and attached thereto was what purported to be an English translation of the same. He was asked before action was taken on the application to rule thereon and directed enquiry to be made and to ascertain from what Grand Chapter Manaos Chapter No. 12 held its charter, and then to report the result to the Grand High Priest. The search apparently is still proceeding.

In the case of two Chapters contending as to jurisdiction over a certain locality, he decided to lay the matter before Grand Chapter, and directed them to appear, and if possible, settle their difficulties.

Grand Secretary Prather presented a most satisfactory report in which he stated that the reduction of the per capita to thirty cents would yield sufficient revenue to cover the expenditure.

A veteran of the Craft, now in his ninetieth year, Past Grand High Priest Rees J. Chestnutwood sent his greetings to Grand Chapter from South Bend.

"Companion Chestnutwood was a Mason when it tried men's souls to be known as such; at a time when it required courage for a man to declare himself a Mason. He was Master of the Lodge, High Priest of the Chapter and Eminent Commander of the Commandery when it was often necessary for him to walk the streets of our then small town, looking for members so that the business of these several bodies could be transacted in a legal manner."

The Jurisprudence Committee recommended the appointment of a special committee to procure or prepare a ritual to be presented, for adoption or rejection, at the next Convocation, to the end of procuring uniformity in conferring the degrees and as fair a degree as possible of historical accuracy.

It was decided to invite the General Grand Chapter to hold its thirty-fourth triennial Convocation at the city of Indianapolis in 1909.

A very beautiful and touching resolution of sympathy with the Grand Secretary in the mortal illness of his "dearest Companion" was unanimously adopted.

The outgoing Grand High Priest was presented with the jewel of his rank and the Companion to whom the pleasing duty was entrusted did it gracefully and well. The M.E. Companion who was being decorated was not without a blemish apparently.

"There is but one thing your brethren criticize. You have searched the Word and know the command to increase and multiply in the land. Yet you have failed to obey it. Were you of such repulsive appearance and disposition that no one would mate with you there might be an excuse, but it is not so. Besides it has been truly said that—

He who hath a tongue is no man
If with *that* tongue *he* cannot win a woman.

So your offense is inexcusable. Take our advice—marry; marry a woman—and in the time to come, by due diligence and the strenuous life, so much approved by the head of the nation, you may in part make amends. Only God can forgive you for all these wasted years."

The pointed advice to "marry a woman" is good. It disposes of any possible doubt. His Companions will probably see to it that he does not marry two, or more.

M.E. Companion Simeon S. Johnson is again the reviewer and a pleasing one. He stays long enough with Canada for 1905 just to shake hands. He thinks we felt "hurt" because Indiana Companions approved an atrocious attempt on the part of one of them to emulate "Misther Dooley". Not a bit of it. If Indiana's Grand Chapter can stand that sort of "dignity" within its sacred precincts it can hardly affect an outsider. If we felt anything, it was regret, that it found publicity.

He credits Delaware with killing the Past Master degree and drops a sympathetic tear for "the late lamented". We're under the painful impression, however, that when it comes to the "berryin'" the corpse will prove as lively as that which created a "ruction" at the famous "wake" of Tim Finnegan. The only solace in connection with that ancient and joyful incident, was, that, "Tim", did "depart" eventually.

Charles Balch, Terre Haute, Grand High Priest.

Calvin W. Prather, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

Indian Territory

Chapters . . 47.

Members . . 2102.

The Royal Craft is making great strides in the land once, and not very long ago, dominated by the red man. At Oklahoma City on the 18th of April last, the Grand High Priest "known to thousands in the Indian Territory as "Uncle John Coyle," by reason of the kindness of soul and greatness of heart that have characterized his life among them," addressed the Sixteenth Annual Convocation in a spirit of thankfulness and hearty congratulation.

"It has been my good fortune to have been in this new country in the so-called early days, and to see its development from buffalo trails to smiling farms, cultivated fields and enterprising communities.

Masonry has been a power for good. Wherever it raised its altar, there the church found an ally, and the children a schoolroom. Many of the prosperous churches within our boundaries were organized in Masonic Halls, and the education of the early day for the white population was on benches placed within the shadow of the letter "G."

Five Chapters were constituted and dispensations for six others issued.

A Chapter ruler had asked whether a Chapter could remain open twenty-eight days. The Grand Priest very properly gave no decision.

"As I believed that the office of the Grand High Priest is not to be turned into an information bureau, and the Companion could easily have informed himself as to the law governing the case."

He visited three Chapters officially and expressed regret that "business affairs intervened to prevent me visiting every Chapter in this grand jurisdiction."

Opening his report the venerable Grand Secretary said,

"If I live to the seventh day of June next I will have reached my three score years and ten. I have lived in this Territory over forty-seven years and have tried to do all the good I could."

Grand Chapter later thanked him "for his long, faithful and efficient service as Grand Secretary with the

assurance of the love and esteem of his brethren all over both Territories."

"And lo, Ben Adhem's name led all the rest."

Companion W. L. Eagleton stated that Indian Territory had made a heroic effort to raise \$50,000 for a Masonic Home. That this effort was about to be crowned with success. That while Oklahoma was also raising money for a Home, the crisis was not so great as in Indian Territory, therefore he moved that the \$250 appropriated for the Home in Oklahoma should also be given to Indian Territory. All the Oklahoma Companions present seemed to cordially concur in the speech and motion of Companion Eagleton and it was carried unanimously. The Indian Territory Companions thereupon by a rising vote, thanked the Oklahoma Companions for their very generous and magnanimous action.

One of the delegates wired "Am held on Grand Jury. Cannot attend Grand Chapter; which I regret."

Private Timmins (in the distance,) "Captain darlin' I've got hould of a prisoner." "Well, bring him along." "Begobs, he won't let me."

The Committee to whom it was referred, approved and Grand Chapter endorsed the following resolution.

"That the Grand High Priest has no authority to issue any dispensation which will in any way tend to effect or nullify any ballot taken upon the Petition for the Degrees."

The veteran Companion Murrow reviewed what proceedings of Grand Chapters came to his desk "wholly and entirely for the information and benefit of the Companions of these two Territories," Canada did not reach him.

Touchingly he concludes his labors as follows:

"I believe that I have been appointed Correspondent almost ever since the Grand Chapter was organized. And I have done the best I could to perform the duty faithfully.

But the end is approaching. The keeper of the house trembles, the strong men bow, the grinders have ceased and

those that look out of the windows are darkened. I arise at the voice of the bird and the daughters of music have been brought low. I am afraid of that which is high; the almond tree is flourishing and even a grasshopper is a burden, and desire has ceased. The silver cord will soon be loosened, the golden bowl broken, the pitcher broken at the fountain, the wheel broken at the cistern, for I shall go to my long home. But thank God I believe there will be many mourners. But they need not mourn, for 'I am ready to be offered and the time of my departure is at hand.' I can truly say "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.' Amen--Even so, come Lord Jesus.'

Eugene Hamilton, Chickasha, I.T., Grand High Priest
J. S. Murrow, Atoka, I. T. Grand Secretary.

Kansas

Chapters .. 82.

Members .. 6243.

It was the eve of St. Valentine and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Kansas was summoned to convene in its Fortieth Annual Convocation at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in the City of Wichita. "A severe storm with snow, wind and very low temperature had been raging for the preceding forty-eight hours, delaying and blocking trains and interfering greatly with railroad traffic. Many members of Grand Chapter were deterred from leaving home, and several failed to reach Wichita until after the close of the Convocation. The usual attendance was greatly reduced from these causes.

M.E. Perry M. Hoisington, Grand High Priest, congregated the Companions, and under his direction the Grand Secretary called the roll to ascertain whether a constitutional number of Chapters was represented. The required number and all the officers being on hand Grand Chapter was opened.

The Grand High Priest whose portrait, unadorned by even a Shrine button, graces the volume before us remarked that :

"Following the period of dramatic and awful episodes the past year has been calm and uneventful. Without

special incident or undue excitement, we have moved forward a year. It is true that the largest part of our experience is made up of these humdrum duties, these commonplace labors."

"He who awaits the advent of heroic deeds and great opportunities to begin life's work, will truly live but little, for life is ever made of trifles, of little things, of simple thoughts, of quiet actions. The memory of some childish grief or joy more affects the man of years than a present calamity or triumph. He only can be truly happy who early learns to bear life's annoyances with patience and its labors with fortitude and equanimity.

We all know of 'Nan Shan' and '203 Meter Hill,' but who dwells upon the story of the trenches? Of the toilsome days, the sleepless nights, the awful toil of digging and bearing burdens, of the weeks and months of anxious waiting, from which the rush to the death grapple is a welcome release—no poet or orator comes forth to tell the story of uneventfulness. But, my Companions, are not these humble toilers, who bridge the time between spectacular events, as truly heroes as those who die in the charge?"

He likewise observed that it gave him pleasure to report that, Grand Chapter was on terms of perfect amity with all the Capitular world, and in this connection made grateful acknowledgment for an invitation to attend the semi-centennial of Stadacona Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, at Quebec, November 16 and 17, 1904, "acceptance of which was prevented by other pressing duties." The intervening territory, although he omitted to mention it, was probably a formidable obstacle. At any rate the Stadacona celebration was one of the "little things" which did not affect the life of the Kansas orator and so goes its way "unwept, unhonored and unsung."

Alluding to the fact that the ritual was out of print he made the curious statement.

"As is well known, our Chapter ritual is formed upon that of the Lodge. The action of the Grand Lodge at its last session in ordering a revision of its ritual has thrown our Ritual Committee into confusion, and the delay in the appearance of this work has added to the uncertainty as to how we can best proceed."

He gave it as his opinion that the straight, simple and natural course is best, and that they "should, without

delay, direct a reprint of the present ritual, and leave the question of revision to —posterity. No ritual can be made which will satisfy everybody."

Many of the Grand Representatives answered to the roll call, but why a simple snow storm should have deterred Canada's envoy is difficult for a Canadian to account for, but when it comes to trains being held up by the storm, why we have been there ourselves.

The proposal to erect in Topeka an office building for the use of the Masonic Grand bodies was received with favour, Grand Chapter agreeing to pay its proportionate share.

M. E. Bestor G. Brown, of Topeka, General Grand Master of the Second Vail of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, was a distinguished visitor who was welcomed and greeted with the honors of Masonry.

Among the interesting biographical sketches included in the volume is that of Past Grand High Priest Calvin Postlethwaite, whose great-great-grandfather was one of the early settlers of Lancaster County, Pa., and in 1729, in his house called "Postlethwaite's Tavern." was held the first courts under the Crown in that county. His "remote" ancestors, it says, were English and as an evidence that old customs die hard the ancestral coat of arms are reproduced. The record does not say that the armorial bearings were used to designate the ancient hostelry.

Arms; Arg. a chevron between three boars' heads coupé
s. a.

Crest; On a ducal coronet, or boar's head, s. a.

Motto; Semper Paratus.

Seat; "The Oaks," Cumberland, England.

What a shock it would have given our democratic friend at Washington, D.C., if the worthy Companion had discovered a prince, "sloshing around," among those progenitors.

Grand Secretary Shaver again furnishes the cream of the volume in his dainty report on Correspondence.

He had to exercise brevity owing to the heavy demand on the printer which included, in addition to the biographies, the full constitution as just revised. Canada for 1904 receives more than passing attention.

"A peculiar graft" is how he characterizes the baby State of Washington's demand for a fee from visiting Royal Arch Companions for communicating a preliminary degree that they have not hitherto been acquainted with.

Thomas L. Bond, Salina, Grand High Priest.

Wm. M. Shaver, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

Louisiana

Chapters . . 25.

Members . . 1845

A Mason of fifty-eight years standing, Samuel Manning Todd, who filled the highest positions in the several Masonic bodies when most of the present generation of Craftsmen were yet unborn, passed to his reward "full of years and honors" on the 1st of February, 1905. His death leaves a distinct gap in the ranks of the old guard.

"Companion Todd's life was adorned by the sweet gentleness of a most amiable character. Yet, on the positive side of life he knew how to dare and suffer for the truth. To him life was service. His creed was crystallized in deeds. The strength and beauty of his personality was the contribution of a well-ordered life to Masonry."

The death of Companion T. J. Heard, Past Grand High Priest for the year 1892. "a man and Mason of tender and earnest impulses," was also announced.

Grand High Priest Graham Surghnor's address to the Companions of Louisiana at the Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation at New Orleans on the 7th February, embraced little but what was of local interest. His official acts were few and to keep them so he expressed a desire to get out.

"I do not believe that any endorsement is needed through a second term, nor do I believe that it adds to the honor of the

high position when one stops to think that if we begin with the first chair and go on up it will take twenty years to reach the High Priest station."

There is something in that certainly if the chair occupants are ambitious. One new Chapter was instituted.

A new outfit of jewels and aprons for the officers was procured at an outlay of \$382.50.

Grand Lecturer Hines submitted the following as a reason for lack of work.

"Most of the Chapters informed me that had it not been for the financial condition of our country, caused by a depression in the cotton market, there would have been quite an accession of membership during the fall and winter months."

Representatives of sister Grand Chapters were introduced, welcomed, received with the "Private Grand Honors" and escorted to seats in the Grand East.

By resolution the R. E. Grand Secretary was requested to purchase and present to each living Past Grand High Priest an appropriate jewel of his office with the compliments of Grand Chapter in testimonial of their faithful services.

The gifted Companion Rev. H. C. Duncan contributes an able report on Correspondence. The review of Canada for 1904 is all quotation. It is not so elsewhere and his Companions can glean valuable hint and information from his views of the passing show.

To North Carolina's contention that the Chapter should be opened "on the R. A. degree(?)" in order that a lodge of Mark Masters may be opened he rejoins with apt pertinence.

"If we intend to keep on saying that the room of the Mark Masters represents a workshop in the days of the building of the Temple of Solomon, then, in the name of all that is reasonable, let no one say that in order to enter a workshop in the days of Solomon one must first go through a tabernacle that did not have existence for hundreds of years afterwards."

Tennessee being anxious to learn by correspondence with other Grand Chapters "the best methods to pursue

in reviving dead Chapters," Companion Duncan ventures to advise:

"If we may be permitted to whisper a word to this committee, we would commend them to stand a while at the grave of the Great Builder of old time and ponder the lesson which is there taught by a trial of the several grips in an effort to raise the body."

Wisconsin's ruler having stated that he had "written to each M. E. Grand High Priest of our sister Grand Jurisdictions, whether there was any communication that such Grand High Priest desired its Grand Representative here to submit at this annual convocation." Companion Duncan adds:

"Of all inappropriate deeds this takes the cake. What should we say if Edward VII. wrote to President Roosevelt and asked him if he had any communication he desired Mr. Choate to make to the British Government."

It may be noted in passing, that while he fails not to give to Mr. Roosevelt his title of "President" and to the Ambassador the courteous prefix "Mr." the British Empire's ruler is promptly decapitated. *Le Roi est mort. Vive le Roi.*

Unlike other jurisdictions, he favoured the recognition of Western Australia and for the reason thus set forth:

"It will be observed that this organization has been had with practical unanimity, seven of the nine Chapters of the Province uniting in it. We hail its advent for several reasons—among others because it gives evidence of the healing of the breach that has existed between the English and the Scotch Masons in Craft Masonry, the Scotch Lodges holding aloof from the new Grand Lodge. We, therefore, very gladly append a resolution of recognition."

As Companion Duncan truly says, the new body is nearly a unit of the Chapters embraced in its territory, but it is the little exception that occasions the rift within the lute. The Grand Chapters of South Australia, New Zealand and New South Wales have smiled upon the infant; but the Grand Chapter of England decided to await the action of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, and the Grand Chapter of Scotland has voted not to recognize the new Grand Chapter, hence the hesitation on the

part of many Grand bodies who have been appealed to, and Canada is not yet, "one of which."

George W. Booth, New Orleans, Grand High Priest.

Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Grand Secretary.

Maine

Chapters . . 59.

Members . . 8021.

With just one gap in the official chain Grand Chapter met in Eightieth Annual Convocation at Portland, on 2nd May, 1905.

The missing link was the Deputy Grand High Priest whose letter of explanation was dated "Honolulu T.H., 14th April," where he is established and devoting his time to instructing the gentle native in the intricate pastime of law.

"I can only say that to the Grand Chapter of Maine, and the associations it brought me, I owe some of the happiest times of my life, for the loss of which nothing can compensate, except it be the hope that I will be remembered for a little space by the Companions of my old home State."

Grand High Priest William N. Howe paid eloquent tribute to the memory of Judge Horace H. Burbank, who died in the previous January. He had attained the highest positions in Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery and at last years' Convocation had submitted a touching memorial of Past Grand High Priest Locke. "That memorial is equally applicable to himself."

He constituted two new Chapters, the ladies being prominent at the incidental festivities.

He decided against the request of a Chapter of another jurisdiction to a Maine Chapter asking it to confer the degrees on an acceptable candidate who had to take up a temporary residence near the latter.

This is hardly in line with "the comity of nations". The request, on the face of it appears reasonable everything else being regular. His reply presents to the out-

sider the aspect of a severe straining at the law, as "candidate" was assuredly meant to apply to one making application in a Maine Chapter. The decision, however, was endorsed.

"The Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Maine provides that every candidate, by receiving the Royal Arch degree, becomes a member of the Chapter, and must immediately register his name as such. It also provides that the fees for conferring the degrees shall not be less than twenty dollars, and no credit shall be given therefor."

An interesting event during his term was the centennial celebration of Mount Vernon Chapter No. 1 at Portland. "The occasion was one of unusual interest, as it marked the one hundredth anniversary of the introduction of Capitular Masonry into Maine."

He closed his address by stating that all reports "show continued prosperity, substantial increase in membership, and the same flourishing condition as for many years past. The utmost harmony prevails.

Reports from the visiting officers indicated that the jurisdiction is in a high state of efficiency.

Western Australia's request for recognition will lie over for consideration.

Accompanying the excellent report on Correspondence is a neat portrait cut of the compiler, Companion Herbert Harris, which we are sure will be welcomed by the guild for the original has already registered his mark—.

He is, like the writer, opposed to compulsory membership. To the Alabama reporter he says on this subject.

"Indeed, we would push this argument a little farther, and say that no one should be obliged to pay for the privileges of membership if he chooses to *deprive himself* of them;

Again, to Companion Johnston of Washington D.C. he says:

"When the subject was new, all the favoring arguments that came to our notice urged the adoption of the new law in order to compel the delinquents to get back into the Lodge. If they are such worthless fellows as most of the writers claim them to be, we really think the Lodge would be better off without

them; the only advantage being the doubtful one of the additional dues and the Lodges need those far less than the chapters and commanderies."

"We have never seen any statistics, or any estimate, showing whether the law has actually increased the membership in the lower bodies or has diminished it in the higher; but of late the above appeal has nearly died out, and the cry is that the non-affiliate Master Mason ought to be kicked out of chapter and commandery."

To Canada, 1905, he generously contributes a couple of pages of his space. He pauses to note the Grand Z's action in the case of a certain Chapter the officers of which played fast and loose with the law.

"Later a measure of light is obtained as to the methods employed by such men in obtaining office; one of these same officers appears to have sent letters and circulars asking the members of his chapter, in case they could not support him at election, 'to be busy or out of town.' Any man who displays so low a standard of what is right and honorable not only ought to be kept out of office, but should be turned out of the chapter immediately; and his intelligence seems to have been of as low an order as his character, or he never would have adopted electioneering methods so sure to be exposed."

He was sorry to omit the proceedings of several Grand Chapters from his report; but he brought it to a hurried close in order to prepare for a contemplated trip abroad. We trust he enjoyed that trip and returned "like a giant refreshed." Again we are under obligation for his statistical compilation.

William N. Howe, Portland, Grand High Priest.

Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary.

Maryland

Chapters . . 21.

Members . . 2464.

The One hundredth and seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Baltimore, in the evening of Thursday, November 17th 1904, with a good average attendance. The muster of Grand Representatives showed that twenty-five of the

diplomatic body were on hand but Canada's representative was unable to be among them owing to ill health. Grand High Priest Joseph H. Jackson like many in similar position, reported a rapid growth and prevailing harmony. Death had summoned an unusual number of Past Grand Officers, including Comps. Jacob H. Medairy, Past Grand King; Wm. A. Wentz, Past Deputy Grand High Priest; Chas. F. Ackey, Past Grand High Priest, and Wm. E. Arnold, Past Grand High Priest.

He was a consistent visitor and with the Grand Lecturer did excellent work for the Chapters. The latter had been untiring in his efforts to dispense true Masonic light to their officers, and the good work done by them was mainly owing to his zeal and ability as an instructor in Capitular Masonry. He recommended that his salary be increased and Grand Chapter later approved.

A recommendation to place the per capita at seventy-five cents was concurred in. The other Committees apparently had an easy time and reported to that effect.

Upon the unanimous re-election of Comp. John N. Carter, P.G.H.P., the Grand Secretary announced in behalf of Companion Carter that his health would not permit him to again serve the Grand Chapter as R.E. Grand Treasurer. Much regret was expressed by the Companions assembled at the decision of Companion Carter to retire from the position which he had so acceptably filled for many years.

M.E. Companion Carter for many years has worthily represented Canada near the Grand Chapter of Maryland and Canada joins with the Companions in their expressions of regret and adds sincere hope that he may speedily be restored to health and spared for many years to continue his faithful service to the Royal Craft.

The veteran correspondent Companion Edward T. Schultz presented his customary careful report. Like many of his old time contemporaries, some of them now "gone over"; he is opposed to the modern dependent membership legislation as being directly antagonistic to the principles of Free Masonry. He expresses great pleasure

at Alabama's action in turning down the proposal and later, referring to a comment of Companion Barron, of South Carolina, who is also opposed to the innovation but believed himself to be one of few who held that opinion he says:

"We do not, however, agree with him that the opponents of this doctrine "are in a small minority," while perhaps a majority of the Correspondence writers who have expressed an opinion on this subject favor such a doctrine, we believe that if an expression of opinion could be had from the Fraternity in general, a large majority would be found opposed to the doctrine."

He has a kindly review of Canada for 1904, and quotes the indications of our progress. We looked for some expression of opinion on the action of Chapters in the State of Washington, "turning an honest penny" out of visiting Companions of a foreign jurisdiction by exacting a fee for communicating a missing degree, but although he reproduces the account of the incident he did not comment upon it. Companion Schultz, has for the long period of twenty-eight years been the studious correspondent for his Grand Chapter and while disseminating light and instruction to his Companions has himself become a storehouse of research and thought. His opinions therefore, are of value to all and must of necessity carry weight if not conviction. He himself says:

"We think a Correspondent should fairly criticize the doings of the jurisdictions he reviews, commending what he considers wise and condemning what he deems unwise or contrary to the ancient landmarks, usages and regulations."

To the Minnesota decision in favor of the artificial limb, he says:

"It is hardly necessary for us to say that we dissent from this ruling. As we have frequently stated, it is simply an impossibility to *confer* any of the degrees of Masonry upon one who has lost a limb. We have said that the degrees might be *communicated* to such a person, and we do not know but what we would favor communicating the remaining degrees to the Brother who had been so unfortunate as to lose an arm or leg after receiving one or more degrees. Certainly rather than to attempt to confer them upon such a person."

Charles McDonald, Jr., Baltimore, Grand High Priest,
John H. Miller, Baltimore, Grand Secretary.

Massachusetts

Chapters . . 76.

Members . . 18,051.

The usual quarterly Convocations preceded the One hundred and sixth Annual held at Boston, Dec. 13th, 1904. At the March meeting the Committee reported on the address of the Grand High Priest which was read by that exalted Companion in December.

A request having been made that Grand Chapter take into consideration the feasibility of having a plate engraved, from which to print the diploma of a Past High Priest to be presented to him on his retirement from that office, was referred to a committee which subsequently reported against it.

It was decided to invite General Grand Chapter to hold its thirty-third triennial at Boston in 1906.

R. E. Companion John Kettell Hall, Past Deputy Grand High Priest in 1863, the oldest permanent member of the Grand Chapter, died at the home of his son in Malden, Mass., November 17th, 1903, in the ninety-sixth year of his age. At the April Convocation an interesting tribute to the memory of the veteran Craftsman was presented.

General Grand High Priest Pollard wrote accepting on behalf of the Committee of General Grand Chapter, the invitation to hold the next triennial in Boston and a committee to undertake the arrangements was appointed.

The Grand High Priest and the Grand Secretary were authorized and instructed to prepare and have printed a suitable form of travelling card, to be furnished to Companions in good standing, through the secretaries of their respective Chapters.

In accordance with the newly established custom, in connection with the "June and September Convocations," the Grand High Priest announced, that he had arranged with Grand Chaplin Rev. R. Perry Bush and Mr. Edwin D. Mead, a well-known writer and editor of Boston, to address the Companions, which they did at the banquet

following the proceedings. Each spoke from his own experiences; the former drawing largely from his observations in study and travel while the latter spoke in the same line, from his large experience in connection with his extensive works in connection with the Peace Congress in which he is a prominent and active worker.

At the banquet in September Elwyn G. Preston, Secretary of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and Hon. Samuel B. Capen, President of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, were the guests of Grand Chapter and addressed the Companions.

At the opening of the "Annual" in December the four degrees were exemplified before a very large attendance and occupied the entire day up to five o'clock. Two hours later Grand Chapter settled down to business and listened with the utmost attention to a thoughtful address from Grand High Priest Hubbard.

A letter from the presiding officer of Concord Chapter of Framingham to the Grand High Priest was "read stating that he had recently discovered the original Book of Marks," belonging to St. John's Chapter, Groton chartered in 1804 and which ceased to exist in 1842. The book contained the marks of three distinguished Masons of the olden time. Oliver Prescott who was Grand High Priest in 1809. John Abbott in 1813 and Caleb Butler, Grand King in 1820. The two latter were Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1824 and 1841, respectively.

The book was presented to Grand Chapter by the Chapter at Concord and an acknowledgment suitably engrossed was ordered to be prepared with the assurance to Concord Chapter "that its careful preservation will devolve upon this Grand Chapter as a sacred deposit."

Noting the tendency of some Chapters to work the degrees upon a large class of candidates at one time, the Grand High Priest considered it detrimental to the best interests of both candidates and Chapters.

"Unless the valuable lessons of the Degrees can be duly impressed upon the candidate, with sufficient deliberation to

allow him to grasp their meaning and to realize their import, he has suffered a distinct loss, and Masonry has so far failed to utilize its best opportunity of implanting the moral precepts on which it is founded."

The "rusty" visitor claimed his attention, too

"Ignorance of the essentials of Masonry is no more to be condoned than ignorance of the law, which excuses no man. No visitor should ask or expect the courtesies of a Masonic body unless he can readily give ample assurance that he is worthy of confidence."

His closing was a beautiful word picture of the spirit of Masonry and its beneficent effect upon mankind:

"Allow me one brief illustration of the application of this principle to the affairs of state.

"Four years ago Argentina and Chili were on the verge of war over the question of their territorial boundary. Through the eloquent appeals of a good bishop of Argentina both nations agreed to arbitration. Since then an arsenal has been turned into a trade school and ten million dollars, received from the sale of warships, has been expended on good roads. Last March, upon a mountain pass of the lofty Andes boundary line, there was erected a colossal bronze statue of Christ as a memorial of perpetual peace between the nations."

Grand Secretary J. Gilman Waite with a three line introduction offered for his Companions an entertaining report on Correspondence from which they can glean much information and incidentally compare the methods and progress of their own with other jurisdictions. A courteous review of Canada for 1904, is included.

The stringent laws governing a demit in Michigan draws from him the following:

"To our mind nothing is clearer than that the Companion came into the Institution of his own volition, and, being under no charges whatever, is entitled to go out in the same way "

That is the view that naturally comes to the surface in every well balanced Masonic mind. If, however, the Companion happens to have an interest in something "higher up", somebody else's volition has to be considered, if the dependent membership idea has taken root in that particular jurisdiction.

With Companion Swain's arguments against the too rapid advance of the Master Mason he is in hearty agree-

ment as must be all who observe how many of the inexperienced lose interest simply because they have not been allowed the time to think over and absorb what has already been given to them. One degree is crowded on to another until all connection is lost and ideas are in a hopeless condition of chaos. They are are surfeited and the overloading results in nausea and subsequent apathy.

"Too often it is the case that the Brother, 'of his own free will and accord,' is not prepared for the step he is urged to make. He may be induced to seek advancement with some friendly acquaintance, or some other no more justifiable cause. In any event of this sort, the chances are that the candidate who is led along from one body to another by rapid steps of advancement, is able only to see what to him will be the display part of the work, losing sight of the essential and underlying principles of Masonry only to become a member of the branch of the Institution which might be termed the 'knife and fork,' or the 'watch charm,' division. The Mason who boasts what he has done for Masonry, and backs his statement by the number of candidates he has proposed, is not always the one who has labored to elevate the Institution by the personnel of its membership."

Harry Hunt, Melrose, Grand High Priest.

J. Gilman Waite, Boston, Grand Secretary.

Michigan

Chapters .. 139.

Members .. 16,467.

Half tones of the handsome Masonic Temple at Detroit and Grand High Priest Michael B. McGee preface the volume, containing the proceedings of the Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation held in Michigan's metropolis on the 17th and 18th January, 1905. There was a fine attendance only two of the Chapters being unrepresented and 323 Companions recording their names.

Among those summoned within the veil during the year were Past Grand High Priests Dr. John L. Mitchell (1875) and Dr. David C. Spaulding (1879).

The Grand High Priest decided, inter alia, that eight R. A. Masons, members of the Chapter, could work as a Lodge of Mark Masters and seven in the other intermediate degrees. That a dispensation for an election could not be issued in the case of a secretary who had resigned,

first dipping into the funds to the extent of \$200. and in the case of a good secretary who had been stricken with infirmity that the Chapter could not elect him a honorary Past High Priest.

As Grand Lodge had changed its annual meeting from January to May, he recommended that Grand Chapter do likewise and "it went".

Grand Secretary Conover's interesting report was saddened by the announcement, in explanation of delay in issue of the proceedings, of the death from appendicitis of his youngest son. Our sympathy goes to him in his bereavement.

Twenty-four years ago it was a resolution of Grand Chapter, a period when the membership numbered 7,000, "that the Grand Secretary be directed to prepare a ledger for a record of the Masonic life of every member of the Royal Craft in the State, in which record provision shall be made for the time and place in which the member has received the several degrees of Masonry."

A rather formidable contract, as it proved. Now the Grand Secretary reports in favor of the card index system and he furnishes a specimen form. He explains that—

"After the data is collected on temporary cards they are copied with the typewriter in permanent record ink on good firm cards, and placed in steel filing cases in alphabetical order so that no reindexing is necessary, and it takes but a moment to get the complete Chapter record so far obtainable of any companion who has ever applied in Michigan."

This may be an excellent system but where the numbered parchment certificate is issued, as in Canada, the register volume seems to be as expeditious and less liable to error or loss. That there is room for improvement in this respect is indicated by the Grand Lecturer who recommends:

"That the Chapters procure a properly indexed book, commonly known as the 'Black Book,' in which shall be recorded

all rejections, suspensions, expulsions and reinstatements. This is done by some Chapters, but all should do so."

With us in Canada the Chapters *must* do so and provide the information annually to head quarters for further registration.

Three Detroit Chapters head the list in numerical strength, viz., Peninsular 860 members, Monroe 708 and King Cyrus 640. The latter recorded the highest number of exaltations in the year, viz., 67.

Grand Lecturer Goodrich maintained his record for assiduity holding 55 "schools" of instruction during the twelve months.

"The desire that the lessons inculcated in the degrees should be clearly brought out and impressed upon the minds and hearts of the candidates, is rapidly gaining ground, and it is very gratifying to hear: It is our endeavor to make Royal Arch Masons not members merely." This is the proper spirit in which this work of ours should be done."

New Zealand was recognized and Western Australia's application was held over on the recommendation of the "Jurisprudence" Committee.

The "Souvenir Badge" Committee's report was adopted and the design selected for use either as a souvenir badge for annual convocations or for the purpose of exchange at triennial convocations of the General Grand Chapter by the representatives of Grand Chapter was approved, the design submitted is to consist of:

"A bar pin bearing the word 'MICHIGAN,' and surmounted by the figure of a Wolverine. From the bar, will be suspended by two short chains a medallion having on one side the state seal of Michigan and on the reverse side the official seal of this Grand Chapter, all in relief. It is to be made of copper bronze emblematical of the 'Copper State,' all to be stamped from special dies."

The Committee on Appeals reported that "owing to the masterful manner in which the Grand High Priest has spread the cement of brotherly love and affection during the past year, no contention has been referred to your Committee," which was very nice indeed as well as original.

The "venerable and much loved" companion, Hugh McCurdy, Past Grand High Priest, was asked, as of yore, to preside at the installation of the Grand Officers.

"Brother Hugh" then proceeded to install the several Grand Officers by his own "copyrighted" form and ceremonial, which has become so dear to the members of the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Marshall made the official proclamation.

Companion Conover's third report of Correspondence exhibits no falling away from the standard he set himself in his initial effort. It is an excellent review throughout, and Canada for 1904 is treated to over three of his pages with courteous reference.

Thos. H. Williams, Jackson, Grand High Priest
Chas. A. Conover, Coldwater, Grand Secretary

Mississippi

Chapters . . 170.

Members . . 2854.

"The duties of the office of Grand High Priest, while not of a laborious character, are yet coupled with much personal responsibility and the necessity of exercising a considerable amount of discretion as well as judgment."

The Chapter ruler invariably recognizes that important fact after he gets through a term. Most of them, it is true, have, probably from experience elsewhere, had it staring them in the face from the outset. but a few there are who conceive that with the dignity they are also clothed with wisdom and assuming to "know it all," frequently "rush in where angels fear to tread," and very often with disastrous results. The words of Mississippi's Grand High Priest, M.E. Comp. John Foggo Dixon, to his Companions at the Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation at Jackson on the 21st February, 1905, indicated that he was of a cautious temperament, and his advice bore out the surmise.

He issued several dispensations to ballot on candidates out of time and refused in one case

"For the good and sufficient reason that these candidates proposed to use the Chapter simply as a stepping-stone to the Com-

mandery and the shrine ! While I am a great lover of the Order of the Temple, and an enthusiastic member of the Shrine, I am not disposed to allow, while I am Grand High Priest, if no longer, Royal Arch Masonry to be used as a bridge to something, supposed by some, to be better."

To be "better." Ponder it Companions. Whatever fun we are extracting out of the "high jinks" just now, the future is not far away when the bill of costs will assume ogre like dimensions.

In the matter of ritual there is apparently a lamentable lack of method. The General Grand's cypher apparently does not appeal to Mississippi intelligence. Some of the Companions preferred the book itself but the Grand High Priest called them down.

"It is extremely difficult to commit the ritual to memory from the cypher and I very much doubt whether there are half a dozen companions in the jurisdiction who have performed this feat !"

He thought a Grand Lecturer with a stipend would meet the emergency but hesitated at the cost. The Companion holding the honorary distinction suggested a Chapter of instruction prior to the meeting of Grand Chapter.

"I replied that as there are no funds available to meet the necessary expense of holding such a school, it would be better to drop the matter. My observation of these schools compels the opinion that they are attended with much more expense than of lasting good, along the desired lines."

Two new Chapters were started and both promise well.

Communications from the Grand Representatives near South Carolina and New York were read, and ordered printed with the proceedings.

The Grand Secretary, while reporting a prosperous year, told a sad story of some of the Chapters, a condition of affairs which should not exist to such an extent.

"There are still quite a large number of Chapters which have failed to send in their returns. There are also a number of delinquent Chapters for 1903. I have used every endeavor to induce these Chapters to make their returns, but I fear that there are a number of them which have fallen into such a state

of decay that their dissolution in the near future is inevitable. Undoubtedly it is owing to Companion Spinks' frequent visitations that a number of weak Chapters were kept alive and that without some plan of supervision is inaugurated, the work of disintegration will continue. The question, of course, is an open one, as to whether a body which requires constant coddling is worth maintaining. It is possible that the Craft at large would be benefitted if such Chapters were permitted to die out, and their membership transferred to other Chapters, thereby strengthening them."

The record shows a list of fifty seven defunct Chapters, and apparently the number is to be increased.

A Chapter wrote stating that the secretary had informed an applicant, who was a clergyman, that no fees would be charged for the degrees, but would be collected merely as a matter of form and then refunded, and asked an opinion thereon.

The Committee was of the opinion that said fee could not be refunded. It recognized the fact that in a general way a Chapter has the right to make a donation for any purpose that to it seems meet and proper, but not with that end in view.

In another case the Committee decided that the fee should be returned where candidates who had received one or two of the preliminary degrees, were "stopped" before receiving the Royal Arch.

Again the report on Correspondence is by Companion Phineas M. Savery, and is largely made up of choice cullings. Canada for 1904 is favored with over two pages.

Noting the statements of the Canadian Grand Superintendents that the work and lectures in the several degrees were given letter perfect, he expresses the desire for a visit and witness it for himself. We can assure the Companion of a hearty and fraternal welcome, and also that the statements of the inspecting officers will be faithfully borne out by ocular demonstration. It was the writer's privilege not long since to listen to the working of Chapter situated in a remote section of the jurisdiction far removed from any of the busy haunts

and difficult of access, yet in none of the populous and popular Chapters of the large cities did he ever see and hear the ceremonies so decorously, accurately and impressively rendered. True, this can not be related of all, but the apathetic or unskillful are comparatively few. That it was not always so, must be confessed, but the system of periodical inspection has fostered a spirit of emulation that has resulted most beneficially. The only hope of reward in the faithful Companions who undertake the duties of Superintendent is the results of their labours and often they have to cover appalling distances, one of the districts indeed embracing more settled territory than the square miles of the State of Mississippi *multiplied by twelve*. This will be more readily understood when it is realized that from headquarters to the furthest east Chapter is four hundred miles; to that furthest west is nearly three thousand miles and to the north; this favored jurisdiction is bounded by the aurora borealis.

In closing, Companion Savery remarks :

"We know that neither Mississippi nor any other Grand Chapter is perfect. *This opinion* is the only one the Reporter desires to place on record at this time, notwithstanding the pressure brought to bear for him to do otherwise. Perhaps sometime in the future, when a dearth of Capitular Ritual without reasonable cause, or some Reporter makes an uncalled for thrust at the Adoptive Rite (Eastern Star), or seeks to require a banquet at every exaltation, there may be time, space and opportunity to disapprove."

We hope he is not "looking for trouble," because if only a fair opportunity is given us to let fly a brick at something, "rite" or otherwise, and cover is in the vicinity, we'll take chances on the good Companion's disapproval. Meantime we offer him fraternal wishes for his entire restoration to health.

E. Ernest Clement, Ocean Springs, Grand High Priest.

Frederic Speed, Vicksburg, Grand Secretary.

Missouri

Chapters . . 100.

Members . . 9360.

Lewis Foulke McCoy was Grand High Priest when Grand Chapter met in Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation

in St. Louis on 25 April, 1905. He felt the responsibility but domestic trouble interfered with official movements. He issued three dispensations for new Chapters.

One of the few questions asked him through the year was—‘Would it be right and proper to place the minutes of the Chapter in the hands of a young lady for typewriting the same to be put in loose leaf minute book?’

He decided that it would be “bad form” although there was nothing secret in the record, and stamped the action with his disapproval.

One fact that impressed itself upon him soon after assuming the duties, was the manifestly inadequate salary of the Grand Secretary. “Those unacquainted with the duties he performs have no sort of an idea of the vast and increasing amount of work his office entails.” He recommended an increase to \$1500

“It being most generally acknowledged that our present Grand Secretary is worthy of all the praise that could be accorded him, I hope there will be no hesitation or delay in following the suggestion I have made relative to his increase in salary.”

Grand Chapter most heartily concurred and the “hire” is now worthy of the laborer. But for some unexplained reason the latter’s place that knew him so well and for which he was so eminently qualified, knows him no more. Grand Secretary Wm. H. Mayo in his official capacity and as chairman of Foreign Correspondence for over a quarter of a century, has earned a deserved continental reputation. His sudden dropping away from both, without any given cause, will come as a regretful surprise to his host of admirers abroad, hundreds of whom who never saw or exchanged a word with him. How then will it be in Missouri?

It is noticed that in the report of a Special Committee appointed to consider the resolution of the Past Grand High Priest who complained that certain words read by him in his address of the previous year were omitted from the printed record, the complaint was sustained.

The words, it appears, and another paragraph which was not read by the Grand High Priest, were objected to by the Grand Secretary as constituting a reflection upon him which was undeserved and he asked the Grand High Priest to omit them from his address. The paragraph most objected to, was not read by the Grand High Priest although it appears in the typewritten copy of the address. The first paragraph "was undoubtedly read by him, although the Grand Secretary busy at his desk did not notice the reading of it."

The Committee concluded the report as follows :

"We think the Grand Secretary is mistaken in his recollection of the matter, and that the Grand High Priest read the paragraph which we have quoted, and that it should have appeared in the printed Proceedings, especially since Comp. Bainbridge insisted that he read the paragraph and that it should appear, but we regret that he saw fit to write the two paragraphs that were objected to by the Grand Secretary, as it seems that the Grand Secretary had used reasonable diligence in collecting the data required for the Historical Register.

"In the judgment of your Committee this controversy does not impeach the integrity or honor of either one of these distinguished Companions."

And the outcome of this difference of opinion is that the jurisdiction has lost the services of a worthy Companion who for a Masonic lifetime has faithfully and zealously looked after its interests and welfare, and the upholding of another, who for a fitting year rejoiced in the dignity of rulership, is the cost of the sacrifice; that is, if the cause is read aright. The fact that the Committee expressed regret that the latter should have penned the objectionable paragraphs should to a certain extent be a vindication of Comp. Mayo's attitude. His long service and extensive experience might well be considered as against one whose Capitular advancement as a Grand Chapter officer is compressed into a period little more than a decade.

A most interesting report of the condition and progress of the "Masonic Home" was presented. It furnishes a capital insight into the good work annually done in this praiseworthy institution which is an eloquent testimony to the charitable impulses of the Masons of Missouri.

A resolution was adopted to the effect that the reading of the report of the Committee on "Neurology" be confined to that part of their effort which dealt with the deceased of their own jurisdiction only. A wise provision in the economy of time.

An appropriation of seven hundred dollars was recommended to provide a card system, index and incidental labor for the historical register.

A very entertaining and instructive report was furnished by the Grand Lecturer in which the ritualistic condition of the Chapters from personal observation is laid bare. Here are one or two extracts :

"A large number of the older chapters are worse than in those newly organized so far as ritual and floor movements are concerned."

"Candidates have applied for advancement and have been turned down because of inability of the Chapter to give them the degrees. In several instances, related to me, the fee was refunded for this cause after petitions had been granted and the applicant elected."

"The older members of some of the Chapters make no pretense of being able to confer the degrees under the present work of the Grand Chapter, and as a logical sequence are unable to teach their successors in office. Those who can read the cipher consecutively, page by page, are almost as scarce as hens teeth, and those who can open the book at random and read special parts without obtaining the connection can be counted on the fingers and thumbs of two hands."

"I found one Chapter had acquired the habit of sending to a neighboring large city for help in conferring the Royal Arch Degree, but are now absolutely prevented from doing any work because neither of the two Chapters of that city have officers possessing the necessary qualifications."

Plain speech like the above must have its effect and the special Committee to whom was referred the report realized that it was "up to them" to do something and they accordingly recommended a more systematic regulation governing the supervision of the districts and also an increase in the Grand Lecturer's salary.

A proposal to reduce the per capita and pay roll by which Grand Chapter's income would be reduced by one-half, was frowned upon by the Finance Committee who

approved a grant of \$2500 to the Masonic Home, the increase to the Grand Secretary and fifty dollar jewels for presentation to all Past Grand High Priests.

Companion Mayo intimates his retirement from the Correspondence field without any repinings and without explanation. His report is in nowise affected by the sudden sundering of the tie that bound him to the guild for twenty-seven years. It is as thorough and comprehensive as of yore and he deals with his confreres in the courteous and fraternal manner that has distinguished his reviews from the outset. Need it be said that it is with a feeling of sadness that we peruse this,—his last. Here is his modest valedictory in which he introduces his successor without naming him.

“ Finally Companions, after thirty years of official connection with the Royal Craft of Missouri, twenty-seven years of which its Grand Secretary and Correspondent, we must step aside and give place to other and newer hands. We take pleasure in introducing our successor to the Guild, in saying that he is no novice in Freemasonry or tyro with the pen, having served the Grand Lodge of Masons of this state one year as Grand Master, and one year each as Grand High Priest and Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. and S. Masters; and for many years past serving usually as Chairman of some important Committee in each of the State Masonic Grand Bodies with more than ordinary ability. He is both logical and philosophical in his writings, having frequently contributed articles to magazines and periodicals. We bespeak for him your kind consideration.”

The indefatigable Grand Lecturer, Companion Robt. F. Stevenson, succeeds by election to the Secretary's desk, and while deeply regretting the retirement of Comp. Mayo, we feel satisfied that Missouri has secured an excellent officer.

Nathan J. Swetland, Chillicothe, Grand High Priest.

Robt. F. Stevenson, Kansas City, Grand Secretary.

Montana

Chapters . . 16.

Members . . 1151.

Fifteen years of Capitular existence and growing lustily. And to its many other advantages, Grand Chapter had the benefit of a good looking “bluenose” ruler in

the person of Dr. Alexander D. Macdonald, who for fourteen years has been a resident of Kalispell. The Most Excellent Companion is a native of Wickham, N.B, and a graduate of McGill, but

"Since becoming an American citizen and resident of Montana, he has adopted the Democratic variety of politics and is now representing Flathead County in our State legislature."

"Facilis decensus". Since his advent in Montana "he has successfully practised his profession and been inducted into matrimony and Masonry. In both lines he has advanced rapidly having four children, three of them boys, and received all the Masonic degrees of Lodge, Chapter and Council, and filled the highest station in each."

He is now an ardent opponent of "the methods followed in some of the Chapters in railroading candidates through in large numbers at one or two meetings, and having no other work during the year." He told his Companions so at the Annual Convocation at Helena in October, 1904, and as his portrait which accompanies the volume is not distinguished by a Shrine button, one is induced to believe that the glittering bauble has no attraction for him.

Nine Past Grand High Priests attended the Convocation, a good showing. The Grand High Priest was a star visitor and about covered his extensive jurisdiction. He suggested to his successor in office that, in his official visits, he should take upon himself to as great an extent as possible, the character of a Grand Lecturer with a view to creating emulation in the ritualistic features of the working. He was struck with the variety of ways in which the signs and grips are given in the different Chapters. He had done what he could to render them uniform, but believed it quite possible that he might be wrong himself and suggested a committee of experts to lead the way into the right path. He recommended that a competent assistant at a reasonable salary be allowed the Grand Secretary for the sixty days immediately following the Annual Convocation, in order that the proceedings may be published and distributed within that time. This was approved and a weight is thus

lifted from the Grand Secretary's mind made anxious by work and rheumatism.

That worthy officer presented a gratifying and optimistic report and announced that another perplexing difficulty had been adjusted in the fact that the Grand Chapter Jewels had been suitably engraved with the name of the station on the back and no longer would there be any excuse for the officers to be uncertain as to the jewel they should wear.

The Committee on Grievances reported that no case of grievance had been presented; peace and harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. Happy Montana.

The wise men of the Jurisprudence Committee saw no objection to any Royal Arch Mason offering a Monitor for approval to this Grand Chapter, "providing it will put this Grand Body to no expense."

Physically improved, we are glad to observe the painstaking Correspondent, Grand Secretary Hedges, is again to the front with his customary "made in Montana" report.

Reviewing Canada for 1904, he remarks :

"But in one thing our Canadian Companions fell behind last year. Then there were 85 Chapters represented. Now with eight Chapters added only 75 were represented."

His eagle eye took in the effect but was blind to the cause which was equally prominent. The representatives of many Chapters, as he might have observed, were dutifully moving Grand Chapterwards when they were held up by an unusually severe storm, which for a time effectually blocked the lines of railway. As it was, the representation, considering our "magnificent distances," and the "elements," was most gratifying.

Referring to Washington's treatment of Royal Arch visitors from Canadian Chapters, he says :

"We see no objection to communicating this degree to visitors from Canada, though there should be no fee attached to this, as reported from Washington."

Pleasantly he notes our rejoinder to his "expansionist" ideas and says : "Sometimes his British phlegm is

stirred by the indiscreet flaunting of the star-spangled banner, but really there is no more envy or jealousy between our peoples than between members of the same family. Though we never expect to see it, we somehow think we shall some time get together, but whether the United States shall annex Canada or the Dominion annex the United States, we are in doubt, or possibly Mexico will annex us both."

It is our hope that the good Companion may enjoy length of happy days and absence of rheumatism, but it would be cruel to "expand" that hope in order that he might see what he fancies will "some time" come to pass. In any case we are with him in the one and only aspect to be observed from a fraternal view point. Under the great Masonic roof tree we recognize neither race, creed nor tongue, and are bound by an indivisible chain in the holiest of bonds.

Under Massachusetts he makes a statement as to the status of the Grand Chapters of the United States which at one time we ventured to "suspect" and the voicing of the suspicion brought upon us the resentment of one or two of "the family" who claimed to be "walking alone" while still holding to the apron strings.

"We think we are inconsistent in the matter of appointing Grand Representatives. Such officers only belong to sovereign bodies and our Grand Chapters in allegiance to the General Grand Chapter are not such bodies, or ought not to be."

Therefore Montana does not appoint representatives, nor does she receive any. Therein lies her consistency, as Companion Hedges views it. He concludes in this charitable vein.

"Nothing but good words seem to be spoken of the General Grand Chapter and we are not sure but it is doing as much good in a different way as if it possessed original powers. As said in defense of the Grand Representative system, it does not cost much and there is no compulsion about attendance."

"The only criticism we feel inclined to make on Capitular Masonry is that it is not as generally and actively engaged in the work of charity as we would like to see it."

H. T. Cumming, Granite, Grand High Priest..

Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska

Chapters . . 53.

Members . . 3531.

"The amount of work done during the last year is a little larger than in the year before, the increase is satisfactory, and, with a few exceptions, the chapters are all doing good work."

Enough in those words of Grand High Priest Benjamin F. Thomas to create a feeling of content, to say the least, and the Companions at the Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation which opened on the 14th Dec. 1904, at Omaha no doubt were gratified.

Where Chapters excelled they were invariably well officered and he drew special attention to the fact, truly remarking that a presiding officer "who has the welfare of the Chapter at heart can, by his personality, infuse life and activity, and create an interest that is productive of the best results; while one who is careless and indifferent soon brings the members to his own level of mediocrity, and as a result, the Chapter languishes."

Among his recommendations was one that each present Grand officer be required to furnish to the Grand Secretary a brief biography showing his Masonic record; also the principal incidents in his civil life that he cares to note. There are several good and sufficient reasons why this should be done, and many Grand Jurisdictions require it.

He reported well of the Masonic Home which has now fourteen inmates including the matron.

The Committee on Returns recommended that former members of Chapters that are now extinct be compelled either to take their demits and affiliate with some Chapter, or to pay dues to the Grand Chapter; and "we suggest that an opportunity be given them, during the coming year, to take demits for the purpose of joining other Chapters without paying the amount of indebtedness charged against them. Failing to do so, that charges be preferred against them at the next session of the Grand Chapter."

That is one way of humping up the membership. One can understand the procuring of a demit, but that-

failure to do so should be followed by a charge is coming it rather strong especially where it can be shown that it is through no fault of the Companion that he is deprived of Chapter fellowship. "He's down, let's kick him."

Some of the jewels for the Grand Chapter officers were reported missing, and the officers were requested to search for them at their homes, and if found to report to the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to send a bouquet of flowers to Past Grand High Priest Daniel H. Wheeler, "who is at home suffering from a severe accident, and to extend the sympathy of the Grand Chapter to him, and express the hope that he may speedily recover."

As of yore, Past Grand High Priest Lininger invited the members of the Grand Chapter to meet him at the Lininger Art Gallery and at his home after the close of the session, and also to help celebrate the beginning of his seventy-first year. The invitation was gratefully accepted.

Companion Chas. J. Phelps presented his thirteenth report on Correspondence, Alabama this year taking second place to the General Grand. He gives a courteous page to Canada for 1904 finding nothing therein to call for criticism.

Under Kentucky he vigorously condemns the wearing of Chapter clothing in public, dubbing it "a vulgar show of gorgeous apparel," and agrees with the Missouri man that the use of Lodge or Chapter titles outside the tyled precincts is equally condemnatory.

Francis McGivirin, Fremont, Grand High Priest.

Francis E. White, Omaha, Grand Secretary.

Nevada

Chapters . . 7.

Members . . 323.

Carson City, a hamlet which once achieved a more than local reputation, opened its hospitable arms to the Thirty-second Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter on

the 12th June, 1905. Grand High Priest Herman Levy, whose portrait, with the inevitable button in the foreground, adorns the volume, presided over the gathering. If that portrait does not bely him he would be taken for a man preoccupied with business cares. Six of the Chapters were too far away for visitation, but he did look in on the seventh with regularity. He is a member thereof. He was not too busy, however, to overlook an important omission and recommended that subordinate Chapters state in their by-laws the hour of meeting in regular convocation. "Without such a provision, the day only being named, the High Priest might, to use a common expression, if so minded, take 'snap judgment' on an absent member when an important matter is to be considered and acted on, by convening his Chapter at any hour of the day named." Singular that did not strike them before.

Apathy in the head is not apt to foster activity in the tail.

"According to advices received from our Grand Secretary, Capitular Masonry has made no gains in our Jurisdiction, the past year having been an unusually quiet one, the returns showing a small loss in our numbers."

The tail, however, is liable to wag vigorously when it receives this pinch.

"Our revenue for the current year is considerably less than that of the previous year, and will be insufficient to meet the legitimate expenses of the Grand Chapter for the ensuing year. I therefore recommend that an assessment be levied upon the Subordinate Chapters of this Jurisdiction of 75 cents for each member borne upon their rolls, as shown by their returns this year, and that such assessment be made payable to the Grand Secretary within ninety days."

The death of Past Grand High Priest Trenmor Coffin, who passed away after a lingering illness, on August 26th 1904, was announced.

Business was slack and to while away the time before closing "a social hour was had," during which the Grand Chapter was favored with brief but highly interesting remarks by a number of the Companions.

Companion Vanderlieth is again the Correspondent. Under Arkansas he quotes R. E. Comp. John McLaren's report from Canada to the Grand Chapter he so worthily represents, adding : "A most worthy custom. Would that all Grand Representatives would do likewise."

If this earnest Companion has a leaning it is in favor of the cloth. He would open the Masonic door to all clergymen without a question of fee because they are all "good." The Masonic principle involved, he brushes aside with an impulsiveness that can only be attributed to the young and fresh. His reckless distortion of theory and fact in which may be included a wild misinterpretation of an anecdote, amusing but true, goes to show that any attempt to reason the question would be futile. To the delightful consciousness of his sweet convictions we are prone leave him, with the fervent hope that his guileless faith will never experience the rude shock of disillusionment. We are constrained, even at the risk of encroaching upon valuable space, to reproduce his remarkable expatiation for the delectation of our readers.

"Our Companion confesses surprise at our advocacy of Masonry without money and without price, to clergymen. We are astonished at his arguments from the standpoint of both reason and Masonry. The worship of God was the first cornerstone on which our originals thought it expedient to place the foundation of Masonry. So say Hutchinson and Mackey. It seems reasonable to us that a church is a house consecrated to the worship of God, and that the clergy are God's chosen servants, to attend and serve those who worship Him."

"Our Companion tells us, however, in a story of his, that Masons don't have to attend church. Accepting his statement, we reply, True, Masons may stand around and cry, 'The worship of God is the corner-stone of Masonry. We firmly believe in the existence of God, and put our faith and trust in Him, but Masons don't have to attend the places recognized and set apart for the worship of God.' Why, Companion, Masons don't have to attend Lodge or Chapter, either. They may remain Masons in good standing and never be seen in meeting place. May we ask our Companion what kind of Masons he holds them to be? Consistent, and of inestimable value to Masonry? Masons may be Masons and prate of their love for their fellow-man and yet do no deed of love for their fellow-man. Again, Companion, there are Masons who recognize the word of God upon Masonry's altars and accept it as their rule and guide, and, we are ashamed to confess it, rarely, if ever open a bible, and

some who never have even read it. Does our Companion say, 'I am an admirer of Shakespeare and a worshipper at the footstool of his literary genius, but I have never read 'Hamlet,' 'Measure for Measure,' 'The Tempest' or any other of his plays?' Does our Companion believe a consistent Mason only bows his head when the name of Deity is reverently spoken in Lodge or Chapter room, and nowhere else? We need not await his reply. Masonry the world over has answered it for him."

"Our Companion argues as if the clergy gave nothing to Masonry in return for admission to Masonry without fee. Let us see. They act as Chaplains in Lodge and Chapter, both Grand and subordinate, and offer up both opening and closing prayers, not to mention the prayers uttered and blessings pronounced at burials, and all other solemn occasions. Legislatures pay *from three to five dollars a prayer*, which is a fair average, how long would it take to pay for the clergy's fees if Masonry paid for this service? We do not have to have a clergyman? True, but most Lodges and Chapters do. Be consistent; either pay them when we use them or don't call them for service. We are not mentioning the services and administrations of the loved ministers of the land who attend the Masonic sick and distressed. If we Masons today are in anywise governed by the acts of the operative Masons of the earliest known periods we are in duty bound not only to attend church but to uphold and support her ministers in every way, for the operative Masons were in affiliation with the church and charged all to be true to God and the Holy church.' Study early Masonry and you will find that the service that the clergy gave Masonry, from its earliest days, entitled them, as part payment for such service, to Masonry without money and without price, and there is not only reason for it, but the history of both operative and speculative Masonry proves it. We may be in the hopeless minority, but that is no reason for our not being right in saying that God's chosen ministers are entitled to Masonry without fee."

Now isn't that a gem of intensity? A copious flow of soul without the attendant "feast." "Three to five dollars a prayer." Wonder if they couldn't have prayed without money and without price? Of course they could, but then the filthy lucre was forced by venal legislators upon the chosen ones. Just as in the case of the eminent divine mentioned in the anecdote of last year, the point of which our good Companion turned a back somersault to avoid. That worthy expounder consented to deliver an address before a large Masonic gathering, and at the close received a hundred dollar cheque for his few minutes talk. One would infer that the good man at once turned the amount over to the benevolent fund or dis-

tributed it to equally worthy objects, as his stipend rendered him independent of such a trifle, but the careless chronicler omitted by some mischance, to record the charitable act and thus another probably good deed is hidden beneath a bushel.

That our good Companion of Nevada means to be serious is demonstrated by his lining up the Anglican church catechism's definition of "duty" as his ideal of Masonry. It appeals to him directly because of the admonition to "submit to spiritual pastors and masters" and, bless his innocent heart, he is a living embodiment of obedience. And, talking of Shakespeare, was the poet amiss when he observed—

"It is a good divine that follows his own instructions; I can easier teach twenty what were good to be done, than to be one of the twenty to follow mine own teachings!"

George Gillson, Carson City, Grand High Priest.

Chauncey N. Noteware, Carson City, Grand Secretary

New Brunswick

Chapters . . 9.

Members . . 501.

The Grand Secretary announced to the Seventeenth Annual Convocation at St. John on the 24th August, 1904, that the Grand High Priest had been called away on important business and would not be present.

In the absence of the Grand High Priest, the chair was taken by the Deputy Grand High Priest.

The attendance of delegates was up to the average mainly composed of P.Z.'s and P.H.P.'s, the combination revealing the change to the United States system of nomenclature.

From the Grand High Priest's address the following is culled :

"The past year has shown an increase in our ranks, not a great one but still an increase; peaceful relationship exists between us; harmony shelters us with her wings, and good feeling reigns within our jurisdiction. But whilst we show progress, I

am sorry to say a certain amount of apathy exists amongst the Companions in regard to Chapter affairs, which to a certain extent is detrimental, and is also difficult to explain."

"The lack of interest in Capitular Masonry displayed by the Craft in New Brunswick I verily believe is due, to a great extent, to the ignorance of the members in the work of the different degrees."

"The fact that the Chapter is a most important part of Masonry, and not a side issue, or connected with any other body; that it is equal in every respect with all other branches of Freemasonry; that its ritual is not surpassed; beautiful in thought and expression, instructive and ennobling in its teaching, recommends it to all true Masons as something to have, and to hold."

And New Brunswick is not alone in this respect. There can be no doubt that the practice of piling on degrees rapidly, omitting the necessary instruction following each, is the canker that is fast eating away the interest so essential to life and consequent growth. It is possible too that the departure from "the original plan" may have something to do with it.

Among his interesting visits was one to Carleton Chapter, No. 1, which this year celebrated its centenary, having been established in 1805.

He made timely reference to the inconvenience caused by the hanging on to the skirts of Grand Lodge and counselled a change.

"This gives the Grand Chapter about two hours, or less than three hours, for the deliberation of its entire business; a perfectly ridiculous state of affairs. It is impossible for any grand body of the least pretention to transact its business in such a short space of time; and matters that need careful and serious consideration are passed over lightly and do not receive proper attention simply because time did not warrant it."

It took a good many years for Canada to wake up to the same error. In this case a change was not enthusiastically endorsed by the Committee for economic reasons.

The Grand High Priest with reference to the ceremonial working said: "Since this Grand Chapter was instituted it has never had a ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter as official, and the several subordinate Chapters

have been using rituals differing in many respects, the one from the other." Little wonder that apathy exists. Uniformity breeds emulation and once the spirit of healthy rivalry is started, accurate and impressive working must ensue and the added attraction ensures success.

He recommended the compulsory registration of the Mark and also proficiency examinations before advancement.

A communication was received from a Chapter asking for a dispensation to receive petitions for membership at the sum of twelve dollars each, but as this was less than the constitutional minimum, the request was turned down.

A letter was received from the Rev. W. O. Raymond, requesting the Grand Chapter to join in celebrating the ter-centenary of the discovery of the River St. John, to which a reply was sent to the effect that the members might do so as individuals but Grand Chapter, as such, could not consider the matter.

The Executive committee "with great sorrow" referred to the death of one of its members, R.E. Comp. Hon. Robert Marshall, who, until his late illness prevented it, was, since the time he was first appointed in 1891, an active, attentive and valuable member. Companion Marshall was Past Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick. He was one of the most active Masons of the jurisdiction. He initiated the order of High Priesthood, resuscitated the Cryptic rite and instituted a Council of Rome and Constantine in the province.

The Committee on the Grand High Priest's address in dealing with the ritual difficulty, said Grand Chapter must be glad to know that some progress had been made in the matter.

"There have been difficulties in the way, difficulties which originate in the fact that when Grand Chapter was formed there were in use in this Province two widely different rituals originating in practically two somewhat different theories of the Royal Arch Degree. The Scottish Chapters had naturally

an affection for the ritual to which they were accustomed, and this feeling was intensified by the fact that what is called the American ritual has not appealed strongly to their sympathies. However, time, which settles everything, is settling this question also. Uniformity of ritual is a most desirable thing. An effective working by a Chapter of the ritual which it knows, does not, however, depend so much upon a ritualistic uniformity as on the knowledge, understanding, zeal and capability of its office-bearers and its members."

Which may be one comforting way of looking at the question. The Grand High Priest was re-elected.

Frank A. Godsoe, St. John, Grand High Priest.

William B. Wallace, K.C., Grand Secretary.

New Hampshire

Chapters .. 25.

Members .. 3820.

Forty added to the roll within the year. "A healthy, if not large increase. There have been no complaints, no appeals, no grievances, but good will and harmony prevail." What more could one desire? This was the Eighty-sixth Annual Convocation, and it was appropriately held at Concord.

Grand High Priest Joshua Wright Hunt's account of his stewardship revealed nothing startling and indicated a tranquil session. His visitations were not numerous but he went into such details as Canada's ruler invariably leaves to his inspecting officers. The condition of the Book of Marks engaged his attention in each instance.

He recommended a semi-annual Convocation for the purpose of exemplifying the work of the several degrees, as he found many variations from the established work in several Chapters.

The Finance Committee recommended that the per capita tax be continued at thirty-five cents until 1908.

The Grand High Priest was authorized to procure and present aprons to the Past Grand High Priests of Grand Chapter.

M.E. Comp. A. S. Wait presented his customary pleasant review of sister Grand Chapters in which

Canada for 1905 finds an honored place. On the modern "dependent membership" legislation he is one of not a few who look beneath the gingerbread veneer of the doctrine and in a passage with Companion Johnston of Washington, makes a point with which we entirely agree.

"Our Companion thus seems to assume that *good standing* as a *Master Mason* requires membership in a Lodge; in other words, that membership in a Lodge is indispensable to good standing as a Master Mason. If we have rightly studied Masonic history, this is a very modern idea in Masonry, and we do not believe it to be at all warranted, by either history or principle. It originated in this country, and within the memory of Masons now living, and not very old at that. Even at this day, with the Grand Encampment of the United States, membership in a Lodge is not regarded as requisite to good standing as a Master Mason. To retain such good standing all that is necessary for a non-affiliate is to make application to a Lodge once in six months, and although rejected as often as made, his good standing as a Master Mason may remain unsullied during his entire life. We understand that this rule obtains in most, if not all, of the Grand Chapters. The consistency of it with this assumed rule of dependent membership we leave to others to maintain, if they can find any logic upon which it can stand. We know of none such."

Joshua W. Hunt, Nashua, Grand High Priest.

Frank D. Woodbury, Concord, Grand Secretary.

New Jersey

Chapters . . 38.

Members . . 4529.

This Grand Chapter, like its neighbors, is forging ahead and doing noble work. In extending welcome to the Forty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter at Trenton on the 10th May, 1905, Grand High Priest, Edgar L. Brown, said :

"The year which has just closed has been one of unusual activity. The returns of the subordinate Chapters, with few exceptions, show that increasing efficiency on the part of the officers and the zealous work of the members, is fast placing Capitular Masonry in its proper place among the Masonic Bodies of the State."

He had given much thought apparently, to the question of "dependent membership" and observing that the

General Grand Chapter had left the disposal of this matter with the several Grand Chapters of the United States for such action as they deem fit, merely stating the broad proposition that "membership in a Chapter should be co-existent with membership in a Lodge of Master Masons" and that "this resolution is declaratory only of the sense of the General Grand Body that every R.A. Mason should be in affiliation with a Lodge of Free Masons; furthermore, it was "held that without any regulation prescribed on the subject, Masonic affiliation would be held voluntary, and non-affiliation would not be held a Masonic offense; he proceeds to give his own opinions on the vexed subject. He will, of course, be classed among the "unsound" by those who have wedded themselves to this most objectionable doctrine, but his views are the result of a deliberate analysis of the whole question.

"I do not argue for a moment that Royal Arch Masons should not retain their membership with their Blue Lodge; in fact, I think every good Royal Arch Mason will do so, but I most emphatically object to compulsory membership laws, nor am I in favor of any legislation compelling membership in a body which does not recognize us as anything else but Blue Lodge Masons, which holds itself as sovereign and recognizes no other authority than itself, even to exclusion as equal participants at the obsequies of one who was a member of both organizations.

"But the point for consideration in this question is the one of justice to the individual, of his constitutional rights and privileges. Masonry claims it asks no man to become a member thereof; that it is the privilege of anyone *unsolicited* to knock and wait for the opening of the door. This being true, a man enters the fraternity of his own free will and accord—a voluntary applicant for its mysteries. The qualifications on his part are being a man, free born, of lawful age and under the tongue of good report. He, if accepted, pledges himself to secrecy, fidelity and obedience. He never obligates himself to perpetual membership. In fact, the enactment of laws by Grand Lodges, allowing the severing of connections between Lodge and member for various reasons, is an open acknowledgement that such relations can be dissolved at the wish and pleasure of the Lodge."

The Committee to whom the address was referred, did not coincide with those views but recommended that the Committee on Constitutions take the subject into careful consideration. His words, however, found responsive echo elsewhere, for later on M.E. Companion Henry

S. Haines, he of the Correspondence guild, made a motion to rescind section 32 of the present digest, relative to non-affiliate Master Masons, and offered the following substitute :

Resolved, That dimitting from a Lodge of Master Masons and remaining a voluntary non-affiliate for one year shall operate to suspend from the Chapter.

After considerable discussion, the resolution "failed of acceptance by the Grand Chapter."

With this and similar actions elsewhere, we feel justified in the belief that the purely Masonic side of the question has only to be studied to be approved. To the right thinking Craftsman, the money seeking and compulsion phase of it must reveal itself, in all its hideous repulsiveness, sooner or later.

M.E. Comp. Register in presenting the Grand Representatives said :

"For the brief period of time they are before this Grand Body you are in touch with your Companions all over the land.

"The spirit of Masonry is always reaching out and building up. It puts some line of beauty into every life it touches. It sets a high standard of right living. Its every breath is an inspiration. The law of life as well as of Masonry is a law of service. He is greatest who serves best. That it may be our happy lot to serve each other faithfully, is the loving message we bring you from other jurisdictions."

Rev. Geo. Maddock was equally happy in his remarks.

"You come not, as Companion Register said, with pleni-potentiary powers, but with a larger and grander mission and privilege, for Masonry knows no geographical lines, but, like the sun coming up in the eastern sky with its lances of light charging the darkness of the night, drives its gloom westward till, reaching the meridian of its glory, floods the earth with light and cheer, the vivifying rays causing the flowers to bloom in beauty, and cast their perfume on every passing breeze, and covering the land with a carpet of emerald. So Masonry, in all its degrees, has a deeper, higher, and broader signification than mere organization and initiation. Its true life is its power to lift to a higher plane from the depth of an impassioned heart and its love for man brings to the world a better and brighter life, the fruits of which charm and attract, and brings us into closer relation with the great 'I Am,' 'Who sendeth the rain upon the just and the unjust, and the sun to shine upon the good

and bad,' and thus teaches beneficence and love. Knowing this to be the object and aim of the sister jurisdictions whom you represent as well as our jurisdiction, I earnestly hope for you in the future a fuller degree of prosperity, peace and harmony."

New Jersey's semi-centennial will be fittingly celebrated by a banquet where eloquence and rejoicing will be unconfined. The arrangement and date were confided to an active committee.

The Committees "on trouble," as a Companion once put it, had nothing to report. All is harmony as befitting the eve of a festive epoch and a well ordered Capitular community.

M.E. Comp. Haines is responsible for the excellent report on Correspondence which was seemingly begun, continued and ended without the aid of scissors and paste pot. It must be confessed that to go and do likewise is beyond us, for we invariably conclude that if the other fellow cannot think better than ourselves, he certainly possesses the art of parading his thoughts in more becoming raiment. Companion Haines is a dependent membership advocate, even if he did get "touched in the wind" in Grand Chapter, and he takes occasion to shake hands with Companion Titcomb of Alabama and others of that ilk when he meets them. Nor did he fail to linger with Canada and review her kindly as he journeyed onward. He too observed the actions of certain Chapter officers of ours who were brought up with a round turn for indulging in "ways that are dark" and concluded that the quality of mercy in their case was considerably over strained.

"A most unaccountable transgression was committed by the officers of a Chapter in receiving the report of a Committee that had not met, upon the applications of candidates who had not even been proposed, and in attempting to have a ballot taken upon such persons. If this case is correctly stated, these men were destitute of common honesty, and deserve expulsion from all the rights of Masonry. There may have been ignorance; but we know there was absolute fraud in the transaction, and we fail from this distance to see how, upon their confession, the "sentence of pardon" could consistently be pronounced upon them."

Is it the writer, the typewriter or the proofreader that mixes us up as "Grand Scribe Z"? The rose by any other name would, however, receive his meed of encomium at the hands of Companion Haines just the same. He has our appreciation of New Jersey's courtesy.

Peter McGill, Lambertville, Grand High Priest.

Leonard L. Grear, Passaic, Grand Secretary.

New South Wales

This jurisdiction maintains a Grand Mark Lodge in addition to its Grand Chapter. The leaflets which are issued half-yearly in connection with the former and quarterly on behalf of the latter, do not convey to the outsider much of what is doing other than that which appeals to local sympathies. The report of the Grand Mark Lodge issued in May indicates the successful establishment of a new lodge and from the "Inspector of Workings" report, a prosperous state of affairs generally.

The Grand Lodge officers elect were presented, invested and proclaimed in the E.W. and S.

M.W. Bro. Donnelly Fisher gave an interesting address on the symbolism and objects of Masonry, which was greatly appreciated.

The following extracts from the Grand Master's address may be of interest :

"The reputation of the Grand Mark Lodge of New South Wales, and the character of the distinguished Masons who helped to form, and continue to uphold it, are such as need no apologist, and to quote the words of the Craft ritual 'like the bleak mountain, which fearlessly presents its bosom to the midnight storm,' the Grand Mark Lodge can well treat opposition and criticism with serene disregard."

That "bleak mountain" is something strange within the cozy tyled precincts, but the "serene disregard" has a decidedly familiar flavour.

"This Grand Mark Lodge is recognized by every Grand Mark Lodge, and, with the one regrettable exception of Scotland, by every Grand Chapter in the world. By a recent mail, word has

come to hand of the more than kind reception accorded to my immediate predecessor, M.W. Bro. Howe, when visiting a Chapter in New York, thus once more contradicting in the most practical way the stupid calumny which it has pleased certain persons to spread that members of your Grand Lodge are not received in American Chapters."

That was genuinely characteristic of New York, as indeed it is of the great majority of our sister Grand Chapters of the United States. He fortunately did not attempt to visit in a certain jurisdiction of the American occident where his experience might have been similar to that of a Canadian Companion who was invited to contribute to the Chapter treasury before he could qualify to pass the portals. As the Capitular P.M. degree is not, as we understand it, in the New South Wales curriculum, it is perhaps well to caution wanderers from the Southern Cross that the particular Grand Chapter permits its constituents to levy toll on the luckless stranger Companion who has not had the "distinguished privilege" of being seated in the Oriental chair. A word in season may secure antipodean sensibilities from a rude shock.

The Supreme Grand Chapter's "quarterlies" are held in the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh St., Sydney, in February, May, August, and November. Where we are "Excellent," they are "Eminent."

"The First Grand Principal is to be addressed as 'Most Eminent,' the Second and Third Grand Principals as 'Eminent,' Past First Grand Principals are styled 'Most Eminent Companions,' Past Second and Third Grand Principals 'Eminent Companions.'"

In February, 1904, the Committee announced that Grand Chapter has now a credit balance at the bank, with substantial assets in robes, regalia and paraphernalia, which have all been paid for, and there are no liabilities outstanding.

The daughter Chapters are making good progress, and in view of the abundant harvest being gathered in, it is anticipated that the country Chapters will soon feel the effects of increased prosperity.

The Committee again reported in August that nothing further than matters of detail had been brought before it,

showing an utter absence of friction among the Chapters and members, and that the returns from subordinate Chapters continue to show large accessions of new members and healthy progress in financial matters.

In November it had no hesitation in recommending Grand Chapter to grant official and fraternal recognition to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia, and to interchange Grand Representatives. By the way, the interchange of representatives and reception and acknowledgement of the "proceedings" of sister Grand Chapters form no inconsiderable portion of the published records.

The First Grand Principal Depute reported at the February Convocation that

"On the 22nd February, Inst., after satisfying myself as to the *bona fides* as Royal Arch Masons of the petitioning Companions, special care being taken in the case of those joining from the Scottish Constitution, who were not in a position to produce certificates, I dedicated and consecrated to Royal Arch Masonry the Rous Chapter, being No. 14 on the roll of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New South Wales."

This would give an idea of the numerical strength of the Chapters, but of the membership, there is no visible record. New South Wales is to all appearances on a sound footing and progressing. "Long may she wave."

H. B. Howe, Sydney, Grand Z.

A. J. Burbidge, Sydney, Grand Scribe E.

New York

Chapters .. 198.

Members .. 28,070.

This grand jurisdiction continues to lead the Capitular procession in strength and efficacy. The State capital again saw the Annual Convocation and for the One hundred and eighth time the representatives of the Royal Arch fraternity in the Empire State assembled on February 7th, 1905, with Companion George A. Newell of Medina, M.E. Grand High Priest in the chair.

"No trace of discord has darkened our horizon during the past year, and no contention has arisen save that noble rivalry

which leads each Companion to labor for the good of the Rite, listening only to that tocsin which summons each companion to the quarries to labor in rearing a nobler and grander structure for those who are to follow us."

He had no "decisions" or opinions to submit for consideration. Two new Chapters were constituted and four were given a start.

He read a touchingly grateful acknowledgment of a charitable grant of \$200 voted at last Convocation to be applied to a most deserving case.

Official visits were paid to seventeen Chapters. The number would have been greater but "business" intervened.

The affairs of the notorious Mount Zion Chapter were finally wound up by a commission and its effects gathered in and disposed of to a baby Chapter which doubtless will not need to be reminded that the sanctuary is only for the man with a clean record.

He had not much to recommend but singularly enough found something to complain of at the entrance, viz., an absence of uniformity in the form of petitions of candidates. Closing he counselled unity and zeal.

"Royal Arch Masonry deserves from its votaries earnest efforts, intense zeal and strenuous exertions, Eternal vigilance can alone protect our Rite from the inroad of foolish changes and ineradicable errors."

The "inroad of foolish changes" has wrought much unhappiness and contention in past years, but the universal disposition for uniformity is largely responsible for a peaceful present and probable pleasant future.

Nothing romantic or sensational could be discovered in the reports of the executive officers. The narrations exhibited matter of fact business, healthy progress and a promising outlook. The Grand Treasurer's honorarium was increased to \$400. and the Grand Secretary now rejoices in a \$2500. stipend.

An appropriation of \$400 was agreed to for the purchase of a monument to be erected at the grave of the late gifted Grand Chaplain, Rev. Jas. Byron Murray.

Companion Harvey N. Hill, a Past High Priest and present King of Warren Chapter, No. 23, aged 95, apparently hale and hearty, who first appeared in Grand Chapter as the representative of his Chapter in 1849, and had been in attendance annually almost continuously in the meantime, was introduced to the gathering and was enthusiastically greeted by the Companions.

A Past High Priest's certificate was proposed, but on the suggestion of the Finance Committee was given a year's consideration.

Music incidental to the exemplification of the degrees at this Convocation figured at fifty dollars, but there was no objection,

Twenty-nine members of the judicially defunct Mount Zion Chapter petitioned for a restoration of the charter on a variety of grounds which mainly rested on the final plea that the Grand Chapter "was without jurisdiction in the premises." Grand Chapter, however, through its Jurisprudence Committee demonstrated pretty clearly that the ostracised had not a legal leg to stand upon.

Companion James Ten Eyck for the past year has been collecting 'Mark pennies' for the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York, to be placed in the Masonic Temple of the City of Albany, and he reported having gathered in a great many.

"Some Chapters have sent four, silver, copper, aluminum, and brass, and at the present time, I am gratified to be able to report that I have upwards of five hundred distinctive Marks of Royal Arch Chapters in this country. I am very desirous of framing these so that they can be seen and appreciated by the Companions."

Among the Chapters of many jurisdictions which have responded to Companion Ten Eyck's call are three from Canada, Nos. 6, 8, and 79.

"Some lessons from the Mark Master's degree" was the subject of a three page address by R. E. and Rev. Pierre Cushing, Grand Chaplain. He received \$150 for his "services" to Grand Chapter.

On a lengthy report from the Correspondence Committee the Grand Chapter of New Zealand was formerly taken into "the family circle" M. E. Companion Marvin I. Greenwood who was responsible for same is also the author of a carefully compiled and conscientious review of the Grand Chapters, Canada for 1904 being included. He steers clear of venturing an opinion of his own just yet, probably because, as he says, "but few of the grave questions, that once occupied so much of the time and attention of the reporters, are now heard of, they seem to have been all threshed out." Nevertheless a grateful Grand Chapter believes that the laborer is worthy of his hire and votes him annually \$350 for his task which:

"While not an easy one, yet has been a pleasant one, and we already begin to feel as if we had a personal acquaintance with many of those in whose reviews we find so much of pleasure and profit."

Henry D. Hamilton, Brooklyn, Grand High Priest.

Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo, Grand Secretary.

North Carolina

Chapters . . 24.

Members . . 1,381.

The M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina convened in its Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation in the City of Asheville, June 6, 1905, at 8 o'clock P.M. The printed "Proceedings" thereof are embellished with a portrait of the Grand High Priest, William Anderson, of Charlotte, and he congratulated the Companions upon selecting the "Queen City of the Mountains" as the place of meeting.

He decided in favor of "substitutes" "inasmuch as the practice is recognized by the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

He was able to make two visitations, "business and sickness" shutting him off from further communication with the Chapters. He finds comfort in expressing the opinion, however, that

"The Grand Lecturer should make the most of the visits, and in fact should make a great many visits, for the reason that visits

from Grand Officers almost generally seem to be expected to have the nature of instruction rather than inspection, and if the visitor is the Grand Lecturer, he can make the occasion one of instruction or inspection, as circumstances may direct, or both if necessary."

That Grand officer's report contained the following significant reference which no doubt brought the blush of conscious gratification to the "cheek" of its object.

"For the little I have been able to accomplish the past year as Grand Lecturer, I realize that to our Most Excellent Grand High Priest much of the credit is due. Without his faithful co-operation, which has at no time been withheld, and his kind cheering words which have ever been an inspiration to me, 'my labor would have been in vain, and my strength spent for naught.'"

Warrants drawn upon the Treasurer, however, do not appear to include any for the Grand Lecturer, but that a modicum of justice might be done, the following resolutions were adopted:

"That the expenses of the Grand Lecturer in attending the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter be paid."

"That a sum not exceeding \$300 be set aside and appropriated and be placed at the disposal of the M.E. Grand High Priest, for the purpose of employing the services of the Grand Lecturer to revive and build up dormant Chapters, or otherwise in the discretion of the M.E. Grand High Priest."

These were justified by "the splendid reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. The report of the Grand Treasurer shows our finances to be on a firm basis and we carry forward a substantial balance, while the report of the Grand Secretary shows marked progress in the Order."

For ten years Grand Chapter took upon itself the education of a maimed orphan boy and the report by Companion A. B. Andrews, Jr., special treasurer, to disburse the funds appropriated for the education of Eston G. Renno, contains the following:

"In connection with the disbursing of this fund your Committee begs to state, as has been stated privately in conversation with you, Eston Renno stated to me that the only position open to him, a one-legged, sixteen year old boy, when he left the Oxford Orphan Asylum, was one working at a trade in a harness

factory in a comparatively small place at \$8.00 per month. During the past year he has demonstrated his ability and capacity to earn \$20.00 per month teaching, and the total amount expended on him by this Grand Chapter does not exceed \$250.00. These figures emphatically state whether or not this money has been expended by you for a good cause."

The Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, to whom was referred the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Western Australia, reported that until the differences between that Grand Jurisdiction and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland are amicably settled it would be wise to postpone action.

M. E. Companion Southgate, we are glad to note, was on hand this time fully recovered and trust he may remain so for many years. He is among the few veterans of the guild whose absence from the circle, though temporary, creates enquiry. Canada for 1904, came under his reviewing eye this time and his kindly references are appreciated. By way of an interchange of youthful reminiscences with Companion Johnston of Washington, D.C. he says:

"When a boy, eleven years of age, I was 'taken in' to make up a set at a Xmas dance. We hopped over the floor to the music of a 'fiddle' played by a negro, until 12 o'clock at night. After breakfast the next morning the dance (?) was resumed and kept up until 12 at night again. That is all the 'sperience' we ever had Companion and though 72 years of age and 250 lbs. heavy, I could 'cut the pigeon wing' now if I liked, but I haven't the stomach for it."

Well as long as he retains the vitality and zeal to do his share for North Carolina and the Royal Craft generally we will all be grateful.

In closing, he remarks that many moot points must continue to breed discussion "until we all consent to have some court of final jurisdiction like the Grand Encampment is to the various Grand Commanderies." To our unsophisticated intellect such a consummation would sweep away all the powers, prerogatives and privileges of sovereignty and make confusion worse confounded. Companion Southgate however argues.

"The difference between this and the General Grand Chapter is very marked. We have to obey the statutes and regulations

of the one, but only those Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand are compelled to carry out its orders. Each Grand Chapter is left to decide questions in accordance with its own sweet will, and so long as this rule obtains Grand High Priests will differ on important points and discussion will be kept up by correspondents. We obligate ourselves to stand to and abide by the laws, rules and regulations of the Grand Chapter of the State and the General Grand Chapter of the United States, but so far as enforcing this obligation, it might as well be stricken out or made null and void, as it is. Our plan is to clothe the General Grand Chapter with supreme power as the Grand Encampment has been done and let us stand by the decisions on all points. Then will harmony and uniformity follow."

He is optimistic, at all events. It seems to us that "the plan" would reduce the State Grand body to the level of the ordinary constituent Chapter, and without independence what would become of its "Grand" status. The change would involve more than the securing of harmony and uniformity.

James D. Glenn, Raleigh, Grand High Priest.

James C. Munds, Wilmington, Grand Secretary.

North Dakota

Chapters . . 16. Members . . 1,454.

A neat pamphlet of thirty-seven pages comprises the record of proceedings of the Sixteenth Annual Convocation held at Grand Forks on 29th June 1905. There is also a portrait of Grand High Priest Evarts Cornelius Stevens who presided on the occasion. Canada's representative answered to roll call.

A telegram was received from Companion Frank H. Sprague, Grand Captain of the Host, who was absent as a delegate to the Imperial Council A.A.O.N.M.S. conveying fraternal greetings to the Grand Chapter, and explaining absence.

"When 'duty' calls, etc."

Leonard A. Race who was the second Grand High Priest of the young jurisdiction, died Dec. 8, 1904.

The G.H.P. constituted one new Chapter, issued a few dispensations and made one or two recommendations of local import.

"My duties have been pastimes rather than labor, much more of pleasure than of toil."

The Grand Treasurer showed a healthy balance of nearly \$4000, and the Grand Secretary's duties were rendered pleasant by the prompt action of all the Chapters in sending returns. He was awarded a typewriter.

Western Australia's appeal for recognition was laid over for consideration.

The following recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee was adopted, though where the connection with the Scottish Rite comes in, was not shewn. Probably another freak of the "dependence" doctrine.

"That we favor an intermission of six months between the raising of a candidate to the Master Mason's degree and the receiving of the petition in the Chapter for the degrees thereof, and we hereby adopt this as the rule of this Grand Chapter to govern all subordinate Chapters, giving the Grand High Priest permission to grant a waiver of this time on showing made of actual necessity in the specific case. Provided, said law shall not go into effect until a similar resolution is adopted by the Scottish Rite Masons of the State of North Dakota."

It was resolved too, that the office of Grand Lecturer be combined with that of a Grand Auditor, whose duties shall consist in the examination of the records of subordinate Chapters, "and instructing them in a uniform system of keeping their minutes, accounts, and card systems, and all work of a business nature as well as to instruct them in ritualistic work." A North Dakotan "Pooh Bah," as it were.

The "Twinklers" were on hand as usual and their sisterly hospitality was gracefully acknowledged.

The Grand Secretary asked for a moment's indulgence, and, "in a manner peculiar to himself, proceeded to surprise the retiring Grand High Priest by presenting him with a beautiful Past Grand High Priest jewel. The Companions present were also much astonished, from which they did not recover until after a visitation to the reception parlors after the close of the grand session."

The particular brand of cordial peculiar to the "reception parlors" is not mentioned. No Correspondence report.

E. George Guthrie, Fargo, Grand High Priest.

Frank J. Thompson, Fargo, Grand Secretary.

Nova Scotia

Chapters . . 15.

Members . . 841.

An interesting little volume is that from our sister jurisdiction "down by the sea." There was a gratifying attendance at the Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation at Halifax on 7th June, 1904, and included no less than fifteen past rulers of Grand Chapter.

One chair was vacant, M. E. Companion Charles J. McDonald, (an old military veteran) who was Grand High Priest during the year 1876-7, passed away on October 12th, 1903. The beloved Companion was laid to rest in Camp Hill Cemetery with full Masonic ceremonies, the Trumpeters of the Royal British Veterans sounding the "Last Post" over their late comrade and President.

During the year a charter was issued to the Chapter U. D. at Glace Bay as "Maple Leaf Chapter, No. 15," and thus "another is added to our sisterhood of chartered Chapters," One "grievance" which came up at the previous Convocation had been amicably disposed of in the interval and there were no "decisions" to report.

The Grand High Priest visited seven of the fifteen Chapters and appointed others to visit the balance.

The "substitute" is apparently a hitch in Nova Scotia as dispensations were asked and granted to exalt less or more than three. Why have the regulation at all if the simple permission rides over it ?

It was decided that the Installation Ceremonies referred to the Board at the last meeting of Grand Chapter, be laid over until the Constitution is revised in order to have them printed in one book.

The Grand Secretary reported that all the Chapters on the roll had made their returns and with one exception

paid their fees and dues, and that the year had been one of the most prosperous in the history of Grand Chapter.

A number of Companions assisted in compiling the report on Correspondence and their work is known and distinguished by a mark in the guise of initials. Canada for 1903, fell to the lot of "S.J.W." and as the outgoing Grand High Priest happens to be M.E. Companion S. J. Waddell, we'll be pardoned perhaps, for assuming to have discovered the identity of the writer. We may also seek pardon for asking why Canada's proceedings so remote are only now in review or why Nova Scotia's volume comes to us so many months after the annual convocation it deals with? Here we are on the eve of 1906 and we are reading his comment on remarks penned five years ago. Is not that, to say the least, proceeding leisurely?

Like other sweet creatures "fair, flighty and nearing forty" he is sensitive about owning a good looking and vigorous mother. A younger child, and at a centenary celebration too, was not ashamed to admit its parentage and yet Quebec is claimed as a sister by Nova Scotia.

"Nova Scotia, 1901, is given a page and a half of quotation and comment giving a clear idea of the conditions as they were with us at the time. He is inclined to be severe on our good Companion 'McK.' who reviewed Canada in our report of that year. We fancy his ire was aroused by the use of the expression 'Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario.' With all due respect and the most kindly feeling for our western Companions we are compelled to agree with Comp. Warvelle, of Illinois, that the title 'Grand Chapter of Canada' is somewhat of a misnomer at the present time whatever it may have been before 1867. If the name has any significance now, it means a Grand Chapter having jurisdiction over the Dominion of Canada. This the Grand Chapter of Canada has not now nor ever had. No doubt Comp. Bennett will consider us rather dense when we say that we fail to grasp the idea that the Grand Chapter of Canada is the mother of the Grand Chapter of N. S. We have always been under the impression that Royal Arch Masonry existed in Nova Scotia several decades before there was a Grand Chapter of Canada. We are proud of our big sister of the West and rejoice in her prosperity, but it never occurred to us to look up to her as a mother."

How often the emotions, when garbed in cold type, assume an aspect totally at variance with the actual

condition of affairs. Through S.J.W.'s glasses, badinage looms up as "severity," and an indulgence in pleasantries takes on the grim appearance of "ire". Too bad, but it is cheering to learn that even in far away Illinois he found something to console him for our frivolity. "Grand Chapter of Canada" is not our doing. Half a century ago the name was conferred with full baptismal rites and the plaudits of the "gossips". Many years later it set up one of its offspring in Nova Scotia and there were none to say nay. When the young "Hiram" then located at Goldenville, with two fellow workers, of English and Scottish origin respectively, decided on starting an independent business, the *mother* gave him her blessing and thereupon a new Capitular industry was started under the name and title of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia. Nor was there any murmuring at the maternal belongings when an officer of the Grand Chapter of Canada was chosen to invest Nova Scotia's first Chief Ruler with the prerogatives of his position. Companion S.J.W.'s "impression" as to the early advent of Royal Arch Masonry in Nova Scotia is so palpably accurate that he need not fear contradiction. Even one of our own Chapters, herein this province, but recently celebrated its centenary. These historical incidents cannot gloss over nor alter the plain immutable fact that the Grand Chapter of Canada was the pioneer sovereign Capitular body of Canadian origin, with Chapters of its obedience in *all* those provinces now possessing Grand Chapters of their own, that her title is her inalienable birthright no matter how inconvenient or anomalous it may appear to the woolly westerner or our good Companion of dear old "Acadie" and while she continues to hold sway over the fertile provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and the vast territories yet to be clothed in provincial dignity, it will be conceded that her claim to the title rests upon something even more substantial than sentiment.

"But he that filches from me my good name,
Robs me of that which not enriches him
And makes me poor indeed."

M. C. Webster, Pictou, Grand High Priest.

D. H. Campbell, Halifax, Grand Secretary.

Oregon

Chapters . . 28.

Members . . 2,135.

Never in the history of Capitular Masonry in Oregon has its Grand Chapter met under more favorable or auspicious circumstances than does it at this, its Forty-fifth Annual Convocation," said Grand High Priest Thomas F. Ryan, at Portland on the 12th June, 1905, and he proceeded to limn a pretty picture of the results of peace and civilization.

"In our own fair state, fields teeming with golden grain, orchards bending with the weight of splendid fruit, hills and mountains covered with grazing stock, warehouses overflowing with wool, hops and products of our soil, mills, shops, and factories in motion, rivers teeming with our lordly salmon, forests of valuable timber, inexhaustable lodes of precious minerals, and our docks filled with goods for export, attracts the attention and excites the admiration of the whole world, whose gaze is turned upon us, in this, our centennial year."

He paid merited tribute to the memory of Companion John Dukehart, Grand Sentinel of Grand Chapter, who, on the first day of November, 1904, was suddenly called home to rest. "He was a true and zealous Mason."

He was invited to assist at the celebration of "Stadacona's" semi-centennial in Quebec, but pleaded "distance" as reasonable excuse. This will readily be conceded.

He received no petitions for dispensations to open and hold new Chapters, and deemed it more advisable to encourage and assist in the upbuilding and strengthening of Chapters already constituted than to make any effort towards the institution of new ones.

He recommended that all Chapters be furnished with the "work" as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter, Oregon's Grand Chapter having endorsed the same.

The treasury was apparently in a plethoric condition for its custodian reported that having more funds on hand than necessary to meet current expenses he had taken the liberty of placing \$2,000 at 4 per cent. interest, and debited his account with that amount,.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred a suggestion of the Grand High Priest, regarding the payment of Grand Chapter dues upon members who have been relieved by subordinate Chapters of the payment of annual dues, recommended the adoption of the following resolution as an addition to the existing law :

"Provided further, that no dues shall be paid for any Companion who, on account of his inability to pay, has been relieved by his own Chapter from the payment of his annual dues."

There is a Masonic ring about that which we like. Let us hope that its publication will be even as the grain of mustard seed.

The business of Grand Chapter was largely routine and of purely local interest. A revision of the Grand Secretary's lists of names and addresses, however, might be in order.

M.E.Companion J. M. Hodson who is one of the most entertaining of reviewers and who is not a whit behind his previous efforts on this occasion, ventures a timid excuse at the outset in the fear that material may not be forthcoming.

"The close relations maintained between Grand Chapters has so crystalized usages that in the main they are the same."

He finds some nevertheless and cheerily cries "Me too" when he discovers somebody advocating dependent membership. But in agreement or otherwise he never fails to be pleasantly courteous.

The man of Arkansas having remarked that that State must be strange to him, Companion Hodson replies with an inward expression of gratitude, doubtless that he still retains his "thatch."

"We plead guilty to never getting very far into Arkansas, only a little way in the northwest corner, near Missouri, and the Cherokee Nation, many years ago. What little we saw did not prove particularly attractive."

Under Canada for 1905, which receives three pages of his generous attention he quotes the Grand Z.

"He announces that they have adopted 'the ancient work practised by the Grand Chapter of Great Britain, the birthplace

of the world's esoteric work,' and that uniformity prevails. All of which puzzles us, as we understand there is no uniformity in work between England, Scotland and Ireland, and, in fact, but little similarity in legend or esotery, and neither of them very closely allied to the legend and esotery of the Grand Chapters of the United States; hence, we are entirely at sea as regards what the 'uniformity' consists of."

It was the M. E. Companion's intention to have written "England" instead of "Great Britain." His reference to "uniformity" applied to his own jurisdiction. Companion Hodson is fairly accurate in assuming that the legendary narrations of the Royal Arch in the old lands are dissimilar, but there is undoubtedly a strong likeness in the esoteric features. This we can say from personal observation in England and Ireland, and from a comparison of notes while on a recent visit to Scotland. It is undoubtedly true, however, that no matter what route is selected, whether in the effete east or the newer and alarmingly progressive west, the objective point and glorious result are just the same.

To the Grand Z's remarks on the all too great desire "to fill the quarries with unskilful and inefficient workmen" he pertinently rejoins:

"While we do not by any means believe in placing fees so high that Masonry would in any sense become simply a rich man's institution, yet we do believe that, as a rule, cheap degrees make cheap Masons; in fact, often too cheap to be good."

True, soundly true, yet it is difficult at times to suit defective optics with a suitable lens. The fire of purification is for the Royal Craft, even as it is for less noble objects. The following is elicited by a brief introduction to our report.

"The strength and popularity of any institution depends almost entirely upon the faithfulness with which its promoters carry out their professions. So far as our observation reaches, which includes, to a greater or less extent, familiarity with the Masonry of the world, it has come nearer living its professions than any other, therefore we are of those who believe we have by no means reached the zenith of our power for good. We are not among the fearful. Liberty, equality and justice are the fundamentals, the cultivation of which lend to its popularity."

We commend the following to our confiding Nevada Companion whose abiding faith in the black coat is like

that of a sweet child. To the Delaware reporter who declared that clergymen should be welcomed as all other good material and on the same conditions, he subscribes agreement and adds

"A good preacher may be as good material as a good doctor or a good farmer, but it is possible that neither the good doctor, farmer or preacher is good Masonic material, and we always have a lower estimate of the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter which invites clergymen to come in free, so that the average of respectability may be raised to par. If you will notice carefully the Grand Jurisdictions which permit free tickets for preachers are the ones whose Grand Masters talk about the prevailing drunkenness, and Chapters calling off long enough to go and get a drink of beer. Figure it out for yourselves, and see if we are not right. The average lay Brother does not feel the same responsibility for maintaining the high standing of the fraternity when he has all the preachers in town to help him."

On many questions discussed by the guild, he has something to say and says it with point. Pausing to have a word with the West Virginia man on the subject of the Cryptic degrees he makes a reference to the methods of the great American ritual reformer which is in harmony with the views of other writers. It sheds a ray on the origin and *raison detre* of the Capitular P. M. and M. E. M. degrees.

"We believe, and always have believed, they should have been preserved in the Chapter and conferred before the Royal Arch; but when Thomas Smith Webb and his co-laborers elaborated the American system of Royal Arch Masonry and set it going, they were apparently lost sight of, the Past Master being incorporated and the Most Excellent Master invented to make up the necessary four to complete the mystic seven. Why he did not take them from the Scottish Rite system we never could imagine, as he did not hesitate to take from that system in fixing up the American system of Templary."

Edward Biddle, Dallas, Grand High Priest.

James F. Robinson, Eugene, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania

Chapters .. 125.

Members .. 22,676.

Finance, By-Laws and Printing Committees presented work for inspection at the first quarterly "Com-

munication" March, 1904, and the Mark degree was exemplified.

A petition was received from a number of Royal Arch Masons for a warrant for a new Chapter to be held at Bellevue, Allegheny County, Pa., to be called "Bellevue."

The M.E. Grand High Priest feelingly announced the death of Companion Conrad B. Day, Chairman of the Committee on Charity.

In June the Charity Committee dealt with the sad case of a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter, who is now seriously ill and in destitute circumstances, and recommended a grant of one hundred dollars. After routine business the M.E.M. was exemplified.

The death of M.E. Companion Richard M. Johnson, who was Grand High Priest in 1897-8, was announced at the September quarterly.

"Companion Johnson's attachment for and devotion to our Institution were of no ordinary kind; his whole heart and energy for more than a quarter of a century were devoted to the interests of the fraternity, and his happiest moments seemed to be when he was surrounded by its mysteries and at work in its Temple."

M.E. Companion George E. Wagner, offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising unanimous vote :

Resolved :—That this Grand Chapter learns with much regret of the severe illness of Companion Thomas R. Patton, who for almost a generation has been our respected and much loved Grand Treasurer and whose station during all these years was seldom vacant; that we indulge the hope that his affliction may not be prolonged beyond his strength to endure, but that he may be spared yet many years to receive the greetings of his Companions who love him so well.

For years Companion Patton has worthily represented Canada near his own Grand Chapter, and we voice the sentiment of a sister jurisdiction when we echo with fraternal heartiness the hope above expressed. Expressed too by one who loved him and who a brief three weeks later was himself called to receive the reward due to a "good and faithful servant." M.E. Companion

Wagner presided over Grand Chapter in 1876 "and continued to the last to exercise a potent influence." His record of Masonic activity, from his initiation in 1864 until his death on the 30 September, 1904, is a remarkable one. Grand High Priest H. Oscar Kline in paying tribute to his memory said

"In his departure from these associations, the Craft has suffered an irreparable loss. He was perhaps, of his time, the most pronounced exponent of the integrity of the ancient Usages Customs and Landmarks of this our most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity. Of him it may be truthfully written that he had the courage of his convictions. He was gentlemanly in his intercourse with all men, and fraternal in his contact with his Brethren, but withal he could not be swerved from what he conceived to be his duty."

M.E. Companion Kline's address to the Annual Convocation in December, 1904, held in Philadelphia, dealt largely with local topics. He called down a Chapter the secretary of which had been keeping the records on the "loose leaf" system and if there are any other Chapters on the "loose" he wants to know it,

He made numerous visitations to the Chapters, much to the benefit of the latter. He made the recording of marks a specialty.

"I have no patience with the individual Companion who undertakes to hedge himself behind the particular language contained in the Mark Master Mason's obligation, claiming it does not require the recording of the Mark. I insist that the obvious meaning of those words warrants an insistence upon not only the adopting but the recording of the Mark. But, unquestionably, an evasion of the language referred to cannot be made to do duty when it comes to a promise to keep and support the ancient usages, customs and landmarks of Freemasonry and the Constitution, Rules, Regulations and Edicts of The Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, a duty incumbent upon all. Certainly the memory of man runneth not to the contrary as to the time when the recording of Marks was introduced, hence it is a legitimate conclusion that the recording of a Mark as well as its adoption is one of the landmarks of Freemasonry.

How those "landmarks" do multiply. Nevertheless the Grand High Priest is not far astray when he asks "if no obligation rests upon the individual Mark Master

Mason to record his Mark, whence came the Book of Marks and the necessity for Chapters to possess such books ?”

Now if there is one place more than another on this Capitular hemisphere where one would expect a high order of excellence, it is Pennsylvania. Yet the Grand High Priest declares that “there is a lack of uniformity, and consequently a lack of conformity to our regulations, in the furniture and clothing of our Chapters.” and suggests sending out a special representative of the Grand Chapter, whose business it shall be to check up both the furniture and clothing of every Chapter. He further declares that in many instances the Chapters “do not possess the ability to acceptably confer the degrees.”

Nobody would ever have even suspected that such a condition of affairs existed in a jurisdiction, singular in its methods and which has come to be regarded, on the outside, as a model in ceremonial working.

M.E. Companion Matthias H. Henderson of the reviewing quintette again had Canada under his critical eye and closely scanned our proceedings for 1904 with his usual acumen and courtesy.

“The report on Correspondence is again written by Comp. George J. Bennett. He wields a vigorous pen and comments intelligently on such topics as meet his eye. We are in general agreement with him except on the subject of dependent membership, concerning which we fear that we must agree to disagree. He believes in independence, while we remain faithful to the Lodge, in which we were brought to Masonic light and which is still deserving of our affectionate and loyal support.”

We at once acquit Companion Henderson of intention, but underlying his words there is an implication which in justice to ourselves and to those who think with us, we must promptly resent. In love and loyalty to Lodge we take no second place and it is because of our fealty and abiding affection for the principles upon which it rests that we have ventured to express dissent and sorrow at a phase of legislation which must be regarded by all who are earnest enough to examine beneath the surface, as a deplorable innovation. If we are true to our Lodge we must first be true to what it is built upon.

From time immemorial the Craft has welcomed those who come forward under the tongue of good report. But they come *of their own free will*. Freedom of inclination is their birthright as Masons, and it is not in the power of any man or body of men to deprive them of it. Advocates of dependent membership, however, go beyond the "Ancient Charges" which has it "Every brother *ought* to belong to some lodge," by substituting the mandatory "must." The Master Mason is enjoined to preserve the ancient landmarks "sacred and inviolable, *and never suffer an infringement of our customs or a deviation from established usage.*"

No more radical departure from this sacred injunction was ever attempted and carried out than when the dependent membership enactment was grafted upon the statute books of some of the Grand Chapters. Most heartily do we subscribe to the old charge "every brother ought to belong to some lodge," the very tone of which suggests that even if he chooses not to do so he is still a "brother"; but the plan of *Free* masonry never intended that a brother's *free will* was to be interfered with and that once within a lodge he was to be kept there by a persuasive club. On the contrary, one of the rights which he acquires under the ancient landmarks is that of non-affiliation. By his withdrawal he abandons the privileges which the lodge organization gives, but he is entitled to all his other rights as a Mason while he maintains the character which qualified him for admission.

Companion Henderson very kindly reproduces our opinion concerning what we regarded as an indiscriminate use of the prefix "Most" in the titles used in Pennsylvania.

"He and our Past Grand High Priest Jacobs have had some discussion on our use of the word 'Most' in the titles of our Grand Officers, and it is only fair to Comp. Bennett to quote his reply to Comp. Jacobs' report of 1902; and with all due respect to the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and to Past Grand High Priest Jacobs, we must acknowledge that we see much that is reasonable in what he says."

From a very beautiful "Conclusion" written by Companion Stockton Bates, and which we feel sure re-

ceived the endorsation of his gifted colleagues, we submit the following extracts which may well apply to "progress" as exemplified in the modern "dependent membership" doctrine. No more fitting words could be written in support of those who appose and condemn the innovation.

"The ornate temple has replaced the humble tavern where Masons of old time met. The charities of Freemasonry have been extended, broadened and deepened. Its principles have been more widely disseminated but its animating spirit is the same and its mode of teaching can only be changed at the expense of the institution itself.

"Why talk of progress in Freemasonry? The march of progress is like that of a desolating army. The old things must pass away, be crushed out of its path, and before the new can arise, wreck and desolation must first come.

"Once sanction the inroads of progress (?), once let the landmarks be removed, who shall stay the hand until what was once known as Freemasonry is obliterated or its once magnificent simplicity become as that forlorn relic we have pictured."

J. Henry Williams, Philadelphia, Grand High Priest.

Charles Carey, Philadelphia, Grand Secretary.

Quebec

Chapters . . 111.

Members . . 966.

Our sister jurisdiction made gratifying progress during the year, recording an increase of 130. M.E. Companion H. Ed. Channell, welcomed the Companions assembled in Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation at Montreal on the 28th March, 1905. Among the distinguished visitors was the Grand First Principal Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, M.E. Comp. Abraham Shaw of Kingston, who was cordially and fraternally welcomed by the Grand Z. and received with the honors becoming his rank.

M.Ex. Comp. Shaw replied, thanking Grand Chapter for its hearty and courteous welcome, which he would ever remember, as well as the cordial greetings he had always received from the Companions of the Quebec jurisdiction.

A very hearty welcome was also accorded to M.E. Comp. the Hon. John V. Ellis, P.G.H.P., of New Brunswick, and an honorary member of Carnarvon Chapter. Senator Ellis replied in happy terms, expressing his pleasure at being able to attend the session, and his thanks for his cordial reception.

The Grand Z. announced that the year just passed had "been the busiest in our history; a larger increase in membership is shown than ever before, and I am pleased to say that throughout the entire jurisdiction—peace, good order and prosperity prevail."

By the deaths of M.E. Comp. Albert D. Nelson, Past Grand First Principal and Grand Treasurer, and R.E. Comp. W. J. Haire Grand Prin. Sojourner, the official ranks had sustained severe loss.

Quebec apparently adheres to an old regulation which we found not only convenient but profitable to remove years ago. This is revealed in a dispensation issued by the Grand Z. to a Chapter to instal as First Principal, a Companion who had not served as Worshipful Master.

Waiver of jurisdiction was asked from and fraternally granted by New York in the case of a reverend brother, a resident of the city of New York, who was desirous of becoming a member of a Quebec Chapter. The brother being a Canadian by birth, a member of a Canadian lodge, and closely connected with many Companions of the Chapter he desired to join, the Grand Z. laid his scruples to one side and acceded to the request.

The new "Work" adopted by Grand Chapter at last annual Convocation having been issued, had been adopted and exemplified by all the subordinate Chapters and he expressed pleasure that uniformity had been at last achieved. In this connection he felt sure Grand Chapter would appreciate the action of Golden Rule Chapter, the premier subordinate Chapter, for having gracefully and willingly accepted the new "Work" after having worked what was known as the old York rite for upwards of eighty-five years.

Among his visits he referred to that of "Stadacona's centennial celebration, which he declared was a complete success in every way and a credit to the veteran Chapter.

"I cannot close the account of this meeting without expressing the great pleasure it afforded me of meeting M. Ex. Companion Abraham Shaw, Grand First Principal Z, of the Grand Chapter of Canada, our *mother* Grand Chapter. Most Ex. Companion Shaw is a painstaking, earnest and zealous member of our Royal Craft."

Again at Mount Horeb Chapter, Montreal, on March 8th,

"Myself, as well as the Chapter, was duly honored by having with us on this occasion Rt. Ex. Comp. Benjamin Allan, of Toronto, the Most Wor. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario, a most enthusiastic Mason, well known and respected throughout this Dominion."

During the year he received many invitations as Grand Z. to attend festivals and other Masonic functions from other branches of the fraternity, which he was pleased to accept. Among them being one from the Great Priory Knights Templar of Canada to a banquet on the 17th September, 1904, at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, tendered to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales, and his very eminent associates, this being the most notable "Masonic" event of the year.

He regretted being unable to accept invitations to attend the annual Convocations of the Grand Chapters of Canada and Rhode Island, extended by their respective Grand Z. and Grand High Priest.

Reports from the districts were cheering and that of the Grand Scribe E. announced additional numbers and receipts. The benevolent fund standing at \$2,088, and the general fund \$957.

The Grand Lecturer's report was interesting. He gives due credit to the Companions everywhere for the desire to do good and uniform work.

"In my visits, I find that the Companions take a deep interest in R.A. Masonry, and I believe the reproach so often heard,

'that the Chapter is only the stepping-stone for another branch of Masonry,' does not in the least degree hold good in this province, as the large percentage of Companions who regularly attend the meetings of their Chapters will support me in my statement. The officers are able and energetic, and I consider Grand Chapter is to be congratulated upon the able, enthusiastic and unselfish manner in which the subordinate officers ever strive to serve the interests of Grand Chapter."

"The Committee on Banners" having thoroughly examined both English and Canadian authorities on the banners and standards in use in the ceremonial work of the Royal Arch, and finding the devices and colorings quite different and varied even in the same jurisdiction, consulted in connection with many Masonic authorities the Talmud, the oldest authority on ancient Jewish ceremonial, and in this were assisted most ably and willingly by a learned Jewish Rabbi of Montreal, presented the result of their labours in a list and description, which they suggested should be recommended to all the Chapters,

The coloring and arrangement are different from those adopted by this jurisdiction, but as with us they found opinion varied and selected what was considered the nearest to the ancient writings. The devices on the banners, however, are much the same, except in that of Manasseh which is distinguished by a unicorn instead of a fruitful vine as with us. Nevertheless Scriptural authority, though not direct, may be so interpreted. The plates accompanying the report and indicating the banners, as well as one showing the arrangement of the Chapter room, are cleanly executed, timely and instructive.

M.E. Companion E. T. D. Chambers continues his useful work as Quebec's able correspondent. He has a kindly review of Canada for 1905. The report, while not voluminous, contains many gems which may well be taken to heart and treasured by his Companions. Like ourselves, he is opposed to the modern tendency to innovate and does not hesitate to vigorously rebuke when even a shadow crosses the line which hedges the ancient Craft and crushes the fungi that would fasten its destroying tentacles upon it. What Masonry was, he would have it to-day and continue it until time shall

be no more. The "delicate distinction" he indicates in a remark to the Alabama reporter.

"Companion Titcomb too well understands the use of the language in which he writes to repeat the error of calling an offence against Masonry a 'Masonic offence.' Such offences are unmasonic; not Masonic."

To the Nevada Companion who would open Masonry's door free to anything and everything wearing "the cloth" and prefixed "Rev." he replies :

"He rightly claims that the expression 'Psalm-singing hypocrites' are not sweet on Masonic lips. No more are other words that is sometimes necessary to apply to those who would work injury to better men than themselves. And if Companion Vanderlieth had paused to reflect that this language was applied only to those 'who have the poison of adders under their lips,' he would surely admit that we are not called upon to search the dictionary for sweet or honeyed words to apply to them, but that as Masonry is truth and morality, it is necessary that we should be frank and honest in all things, calling a spade a spade or else exposing ourselves to be justly referred to as Psalm-singing or any other kind of hypocrites that may suit our hypocritical taste. Our good Companion has evidently not read our language carefully, for we dare not assume that he believes those to be anything but hypocrites who would carry the poison of adders under their lips while their tongues are engaged in the singing of Psalms."

Declaring that Companion Hodson of Oregon lays it down as a duty for Grand Lodges to legislate against the admission of any one who has any part in the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors, he rejoins :

"We fraternally dissent, and retain our stand upon the Ancient-Landmarks, occupying the same ground with the 'fathers,' and resisting the modernizing tendencies that would change the ancient practices and the entire fabric of the Order."

H. E. Channell, Stanstead, Grand Z.

Will H. Whyte, Montreal, Grand Scribe E.

Rhode Island

Chapters .. 10.

Members .. 3,163.

The ranks of the veterans of this centenarian Grand Chapter were thinned by the death in April, 1904, of John Marshall Nye, who was Grand High Priest in 1902.

"All who came in contact with our Brother and Companion respected and loved him for his manly virtues."

This was the One hundred and seventh Annual Convocation held, as usual, at Providence, in March 1905. M.E. Companion S. Penrose Williams Grand High Priest in greeting the Companions, alluded to the death of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction, James Elisha Tillinghast, and the added duties which that sad and untimely calling away had forced upon him.

He visited in an official capacity, five of the ten Chapters. He too, complained of variation in the working attributable to either lack of material or too much of it. He issued an edict, the gist of which lies in the final paragraph.

"Therefore, it is my desire and pleasure that whenever the degree of Royal Arch Mason is conferred in any Chapter in this jurisdiction, that three candidates only shall be obligated at one and the same time, and whenever there are less than three candidates, substitutes are to be used to complete the number three. Such substitute to be clothed as though he were a *bona fide* candidate."

He recommended a consideration of the General Grand's ritual with a view to adoption, but it was not favorably entertained.

The method of avouchment by depending on the knowledge or ability of one person to determine the Masonic character or standing of all present or who apply for admission to the Chapters, did not appeal to him as being sufficient or satisfactory and in the matter of visitors he recommended a standing order

"Forbidding the examination of any visitor in any Chapter in this jurisdiction unless he shall exhibit a diploma or certificate bearing the seal of a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, showing his membership in a regular Subordinate Lodge; or a diploma or certificate, bearing the seal of a Grand Chapter recognized by the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island showing his membership in a regular Subordinate Chapter.

A peculiar case was submitted for decision. During the balloting for a candidate, some of the officers were employed in the ante room at necessary and legitimate work for the Chapter. The presiding officer sent the

ballot box out to them and having deposited their ballots, it was returned to the Chapter room for decision in the ordinary way. This procedure was objected to but the Grand High Priest ruled that the ante room being a portion of the Chapter precincts, the course pursued was legal and the declaration of the ballot quite in order. In this decision he was sustained.

A Chapter in a neighboring jurisdiction had conferred the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry upon a candidate who was, and is, a resident of the city of Providence, without the formality of first obtaining a release of jurisdiction from the Chapter within whose territory the said candidate resided. He directed the Grand Secretary to make enquiries and to bring the matter to the attention of the Grand Chapter of the said neighboring jurisdiction, but no reply had been received in answer to the Grand Secretary's communication up to date.

The Grand Chapter of New Zealand was recognized and taken into the circle.

M.E. Companion Rev. Henry W. Rugg, the painstaking reviewer in opening his report, mentioned the fact that a friend had asked him whether the work was not irksome and monotonous; adding, "I suppose it is a sense of duty which impels one to engage in such a task, which in the nature of things must be dull and monotonous, and which, also, must be lacking in zest because reports on Correspondence are so little read."

"How mistaken our friend was. Let no man pity the Masonic reviewer or deem his task an unwelcome one. If he has fitness for the duty to which he is called he will find zest and satisfaction in discharging the functions of a reporter. If there is something of drudgery in the repeating of details and in the traversing of well-beaten paths, he can count now and then upon the appearing of some new prospect which will gladden his heart and cheer him on his way.

Even in these days of systematized procedure, characterizing all branches of the Masonic institution, there is still some variety shown in the activities and methods of our prosperous Fraternity. It is not all dull routine to pass upon and report.

And then there are always ideals to stimulate thought and incite its expression. The ultimate of power and blessing has not yet been realized, even in our cherished Order.

The present writer believes in the value of reports on Correspondence, he holds to the thought that the modern Masonic reviewer may of right range over a broad, inviting field, and that it is his province to bring forth 'treasures new and old' for the interest and the instruction of the Brethren to whom he addresses his report."

Nearly four pages he devotes to Canada for 1905, quoting the Grand Z. and reporter on points that appealed to him. Noting a ruling in a case of physical disability, he says :

"Our thought is that such a construction of the law is both narrow and inequitable. Whatever may be the rigidity and preciseness with which the assumed rule of physical perfectness is applied as against candidates for the degree of Entered Apprentice, there still appear abundant reasons for something more of liberality in construing the law when the case is one of a Brother seeking advancement."

This was a case in which the applicant could not possibly comply with the requirements of the degree. We confess surprise at Companion Rugg's "broad minded and equitable" construction under such circumstances. Were conditions to prevail as his kindly disposition prompts them, a new setting of the embryo Mark Master's duties would be in order, and in the case of brethren afflicted as above, material for the Temple would have to be "brought up" by an old time ox team freight carrier which after a period would evolve itself into the modern auto. It only requires the "inch" to eventually develop into the inevitable "ell."

Observing Delaware's attitude with regard to the Past Master's degree—

"This report will have interest as dealing with the perplexing question. It will be found difficult, we think, to abolish the Past Master degree, however much of objection is urged against it, but it may be reduced to its lowest terms—to its least proper dimension."

Our sister Grand Chapters realize that they have been carrying a veritable "old man of the sea" and would shake him if they could, but as Companion Rugg remarks, it is a difficult matter. They are, however, reducing the burden as much as possible, and General

Grand Chapter has shown the way in confining the degree to the smallest compass possible and yet retain it.

Companion Rugg's report is delightful reading throughout, and those for whom it is written no doubt appreciate it at its full value. Let them mark his closing admonition in which he says :

"Numbers count for strength and influence, but the character of the membership is a more potent factor. Proficiency in ritual duties is important, but the power to teach, to lead, and to administer is far more essential for those who hold office in any Masonic organization."

Frank B. Wilson, Bristol, Grand High Priest.

William R. Greene, Providence, Grand Secretary.

South Carolina

Chapters .. 23.

Members .. 1,049.

"The vacant chair" at the Ninety third Annual Convocation was that of the Grand Chaplain R. E. Comp. J. E. Dunlop.

"He was a brave man; a man who made friends wherever he went. He was a zealous Mason, and served this Grand Chapter as Grand Chaplain for a number of years; and a faithful Herald of the Cross. Who that saw him, especially in his latter years, but was impressed how he resembled in appearance their conception of the Patriarchs of old."

Doubtless the Companions at Charleston on that February day missed his striking presence. But such is the experience year after year; the gaps made by death are but as reminders to the living.

Grand High Priest J. Edwin McDonald announced an improved financial condition. He issued a dispensation for a new Chapter at Darlington, but expressed fear that two of those warranted were dying of inanition.

He recommended an increase in the appropriation for the Grand High Priest and assistants for visitation duty, as it has "a most stimulating and beneficial effect upon the Chapters, especially those needing their services in conferring the Chapter degrees."

The Committee congratulated the Grand Chapter on the increase in membership in this Grand jurisdiction during the past year, and the zeal for and interest in Royal Arch Masonry which are constantly displayed.

The Grand Secretary reported well of all the Chapters and the Grievances Committee found themselves without employment.

Grand Secretary J. T. Barron furnished a seventy-two page report on Correspondence in which Canada for 1903 receives fraternal consideration. He is generous enough to say—

“We lay aside this volume with regret, for no Grand Chapter habitually fills its offices with abler men or more fascinating writers. There is so much that is good, that we can not trust ourselves to begin to quote.”

J. Edwin Macdonald, Winsboro, Grand High Priest.

Jacob T. Barron, Columbia, Grand Secretary.

South Dakota

Chapters .. 30.

Members .. 1950.

In addition to a portrait of Grand High Priest G. H. Perry, the “proceedings” of the Sixteenth Annual Convocation at Aberdeen on the 15 June, 1905, contains a picture of the handsome jewel selected as the distinguishing badge of those who have been honored with the chief rulership. It is of very chaste design and should be valued by the fortunate recipient.

“To the people of this, the greatest country on earth, the year just passed has been one of almost unparalleled prosperity.

Lest his Companions should forget that seldom mentioned fact, the Grand High Priest took an early opportunity in his address to remind them. Having established his country's superiority, he congratulated them upon the progress of their “own splendid young commonwealth” and the incidental advance of Masonry therein. The progressive young commonwealth seems to have held him down somewhat.

"It was my fond hope that I might be able to visit all, or nearly all, of the chapters in the state, but having a greater volume of business than usual on my hands, found my time so limited that it was absolutely impossible to visit more than a few, very much to my regret."

Well, we all regret it. In relating his experiences, he took occasion to let his hearers know that he was something else than an ordinary Companion, for he told of a visit to a "commandery" where he was hospitably received.

One new Chapter was constituted by deputy, the commonwealth at that time being unusually exacting.

He was asked as to the standing of a Mason in a Chapter who had dimitted from the Blue Lodge and replied on the lines of the modern "union label" enactment.

"The party you refer to could not be a Chapter Mason in good standing while being a non-affiliate of the Mother Lodge."

It will be noticed that, apparently, one of the penalties of non-affiliation is, that the individual in question loses his status as a "brother" and drops to the lowly ostracized condition of a "party."

He had received Quebec's invitation for the "Stadacona" celebration—"It is a matter of deep regret, however, that none were able to leave at that time, hence our Grand Chapter was not represented." Business, however, will interfere with those little outings and "heavy hearts" are the result. But sins of omission or commission are all forgotten and forgiven in a perusal of the following :

"I love Masonry. I love it for its lofty ideals, its universal language, its origin which, without doubt, is of a greater antiquity than that of civil, ecclesiastic or other order wrought from chaos by the dominion of man. I love it for the purity, simplicity and yet sublimity of its teachings; for the great good it has done to the peoples of the earth; for its humanizing influences and for the power of restraint it exerts upon the passions and prejudices of man. It is an important factor in preserving international as well as national peace and harmony, and when dark clouds of gloom and despondency hover over one, a silvery lining is the more quickly discovered through the medium of an unshaken faith in the beautiful teachings of this sublime Order."

The Grand Secretary reported well of all the Chapters but one, and that had done no work for seven years. He attributed the lack of activity generally to the absence of the new ritual.

He experienced much trouble in selecting the jewel authorized for the Past Grand High Priests, but succeeded at last in satisfying himself and, having given a free ad. to the manufacturer, announced that the jewels were on view pinned to the "manly buzzoms" of those for whom they were intended and hoped the design would be adopted.

Companion Louis G. Levoy's Correspondence report this time is a *multum in parvo* so far as review is concerned. Personal opinion is reserved probably for future use. He is courteous to Canada and remarks on our growth :

"Grand Chapter is growing by leaps and bounds. Last year twelve new Chapters were formed; this year eleven, and one of them on its institution Marking 105, about takes the record for rapid growth. If it can continue this gait for the next few years it will come near being the largest Grand Chapter on this continent."

He won't be drawn out, so he says. We are sorry he has worked himself into that excavation and equally sorry he won't let us get after him. Meantime we will wait and hope.

"The writer is told to 'go slow,' which, being good advice, we are willing to take, even if we are a hasty reader or a good corner-turner. No, Companion Bennett, you can't get up an argument, for we just won't argue. We got out of that line some time ago and propose to keep out, at least as long as we can."

Concluding, he offers the suggestion, that Grand Chapters should meet at about the same time of year so that statisticians might be relieved of their great contortionist act of tying themselves up in a knot. Grand Chapters have hitherto suited their own convenience and, the statistics fiend to the contrary, will continue to do so. Canada meets in January because it is a delightful, health giving season of the year and at the Convocations

we don't have to divide attention with mosquitoes and a palm leaf fan. We meet in solid comfort and any proposition to hark back to "the good old summer time" would be met with freezing disdain.

John K. Kutnewsky, Redfield, Grand High Priest.

Geo. A. Pettigrew, Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee

Chapters . . . 74.

Members . . 3,430.

Tennessee keeps up with the advancing procession, recording an increase in Chapters as well as membership. At the Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation held in Nashville on January 23, 1905, Grand High Priest Fred C. Watkins noted the fact: "In some respects this has been a remarkable year, the prosperity of the Craft in many instances has been noticeable. God, in his infinite wisdom, goodness and mercy has graciously blessed our land and wonderfully prospered our people."

For himself he experienced "the greatest grief and sorrow that is possible in this life," the loss of the partner of his home. "She was indeed a great lover of Masonry and its teachings. She had purchased the material and made two full sets of robes for the Royal Arch Chapters and assisted me materially in my Masonic work. She was truly one of us."

M.E. Companion Angel S. Meyers, Past Grand High Priest, was transferred by death from his accustomed seat in the Chapter here, to fill his appropriate seat in the Supreme Grand Chapter above. He was a native of London, England, and when twenty-five years of age, moved to St. Louis, Mo. "He was a devout Jew, though liberal in his religious views. While in St. Louis he had charge of a Jewish congregation."

The death of Companion Charles V. Taylor, Grand Captain of the Host of this Grand Body was also announced.

Notwithstanding domestic affliction he was enabled to visit many of the Chapters and render them much benefit.

Asked whether a subordinate Chapter had the right to refund the fees or any part thereof to a minister of the Gospel, he answered emphatically, no.

He started two new Chapters on their way to progress under his dispensation.

By request of several secretaries of subordinate Chapters and others, and believing the same to be just and right, an honor well bestowed, he recommended that the picture of the Grand Secretary be placed in the proceedings, and "the counterfeit presentment" of the worthy W. A. Clendening duly appears.

New Zealand was recognized and welcomed into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters.

It was decided to reduce the minimum fee for the degrees from twenty-five to twenty dollars.

A Chapter by-law to the effect that a member in arrears for dues was ineligible to vote at the annual election of officers was declared ultra vires of the Grand Chapter regulation.

M.E. Companion J.H. McClister, in introducing his readable report on Correspondence, declares his intention of culling the good things of others and allowing his Companions to do the commenting. In spite of which he ventures an opinion himself occasionally, and when he does so it is generally to the point. Under Canada for 1904 he reproduces the Executive Committees remarks on Washington's unusual action in exacting a fee from visiting Royal Arch Companions for communicating one of the lesser degrees, and says :

"The proper remedy would be for the General Grand Chapter and all State Grand Chapters to expunge from the ritual the Past Master's degree and relegate it to symbolic Masonry, where it belongs."

Again under Iowa and touching the same degree of Past Master, he remarks :

"How any High Priest could work the degree '*in a true, dignified, Masonic manner*' when it is admitted there is little in it, is more than we can see."

and expresses hearty agreement with Companion Johnstone of the District of Columbia who had written :

"This would seem to be a very reasonable proposition when one reflects that the only excuse for the existence of the Past Master's degree in the Capitular system is the old theory and practice of conferring the Royal Arch degree only on Past Masters, and the degree of Past Master was introduced into the Chapter only because the Lodges did not furnish sufficient material in the shape of actual Past Masters. Both the degree and the tradition as to its necessity ought to be relegated to the lumber room for the storage of the useless things in Masonry."

The Past Master degree in the Capitular system is looked upon by many as a man would regard a wart on his nose. It is probably as old as himself, but he has no use for it. It is part of him yet he would rejoice if it was not there. Whatever claim he might have to good looks is destroyed by its unsightly presence and the decorum he would fain practice is set at naught by the knowledge that his appearance is a signal for hilarity on the part of the boys. In sheer desperation he argues that the blemish is really a necessary ornament and that the human form divine would not be complete without it. The knife is the only remedy but he shrinks from it though he is convinced he will be all the handsomer for the operation. General Grand Chapter, it appears, has whittled the thing down to the bare O.B. and "essentials." It is only a matter of time when even these too will go and the dignity of the chair be no longer exposed to ridicule and insult by a useless and meaningless burlesque.

William D. Good, Johnson City, Grand High Priest.

William A. Clendening, Nashville, Grand Secretary.

Texas

Chapters .. 177.

Members .. 9,699..

A net gain in membership of 928 is the fine showing made by Texas for the year, but even there, as elsewhere, there are weak spots.

"There are now on the rolls 177 chartered Chapters. Of these 151 have done work, 26 have done no work, 124 show gain, 39 show loss, 14 held their own."

The City of Waco saw the Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation on December 6, 1904, with 107 of the Chapters represented. Grand High Priest F. W. Fitzpatrick, welcomed the Companions and feelingly touched upon the loss sustained by Grand Chapter in the deaths of M.E. Companions John Adriance, Robert Harkness and Rufus Osgood Rounsavall, who had served as Grand High Priest in 1887, 1888 and 1896 respectively.

Eight Chapters were constituted, four restored and one revived. Dispensations were granted in seven instances for Chapters to hold their installations publicly, a request that in this section of the continent would create a sentiment of holy horror.

Nearly seven pages of the address are devoted to "decisions," most of them of local interest only. One, however, reveals a condition that is probably peculiar to Texas. One black ball excludes an applicant, but he can petition again at the end of the year. If, however, two or more black balls are cast, the time limit is extended in proportion.

In another case certain applicants for the degrees did not sign the form of application, the secretary doing it for them. The Grand High Priest replying to the question exhibited a generously elastic mind :

"In the Blue Lodge the application is by a profane for initiation; in the Chapter it is by a brother applying for higher degrees. And circumstances might be such that no blank petitions could be procured at the time, and to require a brother to quit his business and ride ten or twenty miles to sign his name would necessarily work a hardship on him. I think the authority given the Secretary to sign for them is to every intent and purpose sufficient. I hold that the petitioners are legally before your Chapter."

The Jurisprudence Committee, however, declined to accept this plausible reasoning and held to the necessity for the original autograph.

The Grand Treasurer's report announced an expenditure of \$1,889 for furnishing the Grand Chapter rooms.

The Committee on Grievances and appeals reported that the Order is in the most peaceable and flourishing condition.

The Committee on By-laws had before it a clause from a Chapter code to the effect that the minimum fee for the degrees be fifty dollars, and providing out of said fifty dollars, that ten dollars be set aside for a banquet fund to be expended under the direction of certain officers. The Committee disapproved of the latter provision and it was ruled out. The Grand Chapter's jurisdiction in such a matter is not quite clear to us.

Numerous committees presented numerous reports in bewildering rapidity, but they got through them pleasantly, especially, as in the case of the Finance Committee, when ten dollars a day eased matters considerably.

Grand Orator Lightfoot delivered an ornate address on the beauties of Masonry.

Our old colleague Companion Terrell, seems to have vacated his seat at the round table. We regret his departure, for his was a welcome report annually. Companion W. A. Scott takes up the quill and furnishes a most comprehensive and entertaining review, which includes Canada for 1904.

E. T. Murchison, Vernon, Grand High Priest.

John A. Bryan, Cleburne, Grand Secretary.

Vermont

Chapters . . . 29.

Members . . . 3,493.

M. E. Companion Daniel Payson, G. H. P. desired to ring a new change when he announced to the Eighty-eighty Annual Convocation at Burlington on the 16th June, 1905, that "the clanging bells of time" had sounded the close of another year, which was one "of harmony and satisfactory growth."

His dispensations and decisions were few and there was not a single case of grievance.

Companions at Hardwick desired to have a Chapter located there and were accommodated. They did so well in the interval that he recommended a charter. A relic of nearly a century ago was thus discovered.

"Companion Ned Pierce of Bellows Falls, while examining the innermost recesses of an old box, which had been handed down by his people through generation after generation, found, not the white cubical stone, but a charter granted by this Grand Chapter nearly ninety years ago, to Washington Chapter, No. 6, holden at Chester, Vt., Artimas Robbins to be first High Priest, Roberson Smiley, King, Christopher Webber, Scribe, and signed. CHAS. M. WILLIAMS, G.H.P., JAMES PORTER, G.K., GORDON NEWELL Grand Secretary.

"This valuable relic he kindly placed in my hands, and I now have the pleasure of restoring it to its proper home."

A new outfit of aprons and jewels was procured for the Grand officers and Past Grand High Priests.

One of the Chapters had not been represented in Grand Chapter during the past seven years, and the Committee on Dispensations and Charters was directed to consider the status of the Chapter under the General Regulations, and make report on the same at the next annual convocation.

The vexed question of "life membership" came to the front under the following conditions: A Chapter by its by-laws, provided in substance, that a Companion who had paid dues for a period of twenty years or who had paid a sum equal to the amount of twenty years' dues, become a life member of the Chapter and was exempt from the payment of further dues. Subsequently the Chapter amended the by-law striking out the exemption and called upon all members to pay dues. The question arose, what is the status of the Companions who had become life members under the by-law, and could they be compelled to pay dues?

The Jurisprudence Committee's finding was:

"That the matter of life membership has been a vexatious problem in several jurisdictions, and has given rise to as much discussion among Masonic jurists, as any other question of Masonic jurisprudence. The result of all jurisdictions is not uniform. There is nothing in the Constitution or by-laws of this Grand Chapter prohibiting life membership. Authority

is granted to secular Chapters to make their own by-laws, subject only to certain general conditions. Therefore, while your Committee do not feel certain that the result they have reached is correct, they are equally uncertain that they would be nearer right, if they had arrived at a different conclusion."

"Your Committee therefore submit the following as a solution of this question and the law upon this question in this jurisdiction."

"When a Chapter by its by-laws provides for life membership by the payment of a stipulated sum, or the payment of dues for a certain number of years, and a member pays such sum, or continues his membership for the required number of years, paying his dues, and is therefore recognized by the Chapter as a life member and exempt from dues, the Chapter cannot by an amendment to its by-laws place such member upon the paying list."

"That such a relation was thereby constituted as amounted to an agreement between the Chapter and the member, and the member fulfilled his part, it would be unjust, inequitable, and unmasonic to repudiate it."

Which decision we think was eminently correct.

An able report on Correspondence is furnished by M.E. Companion Marsh O. Perkins, whose views and comments on topical subjects are invariably welcome and instructive. In his review of Canada for 1905 he notes some of the Grand Z's decisions which he pronounces in agreement with Vermont law and usage, but says they were certainly

"in marked contrast with the discipline meted out to officers of a chapter, who attempted to rush in candidates without the formality even of having been prepared. A public acknowledgment of this 'fault', or suspension from office, strikes us as being an extremely mild punishment for an act that charity alone could possibly have attributed to ignorance of the law. It is pleasing to note, however, that 'open canvassing for office' led to suspension from office, without 'if or and,' and a merited denunciation of a 'growing evil,' which was heartily endorsed by the Grand Chapter."

Under Nova Scotia he quotes the correspondent's remarks directed to us which he terms "a little lesson in history." We trust for the sake of history he will not overlook a little matter of "correction" which we have ventured to administer to our good Nova Scotian Companion whose imperfect "lesson" needed a timely "application."

In a former report Companion Perkins had noticed that in this jurisdiction an inquiry had been raised, as to whether the Chapters in obedience to the Grand Chapter of Washington made a practice of charging a fee for the P.M. degree, when conferred upon Canadian Royal Arch Companions to enable them to enjoy the right of visitation in that jurisdiction, and remarked that he was hardly prepared to believe the complaint well founded, adding :

“Certainly any manifestation by a Chapter in Vermont of the discourtesy intimated would subject the body to a rigid investigation at once, with a lesson or two in the exercise of fraternal amenities.”

For his information we desire to state that other Grand Chapters as well as Vermont have expressed something stronger than astonishment at the remarkable procedure of the Chapters in the state of Washington, which probably stands alone among the jurisdictions in this particular regard.

Delos M. Bacon, St. Johnsbury Ctr., Grand High Priest
Henry H. Ross, Burlington, Grand Secretary.

Victoria

The proceedings of four Grand Convocations, or as much as was authorized for publicity, and reports of four meetings of the Committee of General Purposes, are compressed into a fourteen leafed pamphlet which is printed in red ink. Sir A. J. Peacock Grand Z. wrote regretting his inability to be present at the Grand Convocation in Melbourne on the 21st Oct., 1903. The business was brief, most of the routine work being accomplished in Committee.

At the conclusion of the business of Grand Chapter an exemplification of the ceremony of exaltation was given by the R.E. the Second Grand Principal, and the Grand Chapter officers.

At the January Convocation M.E. Comp. Frank Davies, P.G.Z., mentioned that he had received a letter

from the M.E. the First Grand Principal, stating that he wished to be relieved from the office, owing to his many other duties. M.E. Comp. Davies thereupon nominated R.E. Comp. Thos. Lambert, P.G.H., as First Grand Principal for the ensuing year. The nomination was seconded.

It was decided to send a letter to Sir A. J. Peacock expressing the regret of the members of the Grand Chapter at the severance of the pleasant relations which have for many years existed between them, and conveying to him their appreciation of the many services rendered by him to the Grand Chapter during his term of office. The letter was subsequently courteously acknowledged.

There being only one nomination for the office of First Grand Principal, R.E. Comp. Thos. Lambert, P.G.H. was declared duly elected to that position for the ensuing twelve months at the April Convocation.

The new officers were installed at the July Convocation. Canada's faithful envoy, M.E. Companion J. D'Amer Drew was among the Grand Representatives present.

The incoming Grand Z. signalized his elevation by conferring the rank of Past Grand Second Principal on six Companions. Canada's "Proceedings" was among those acknowledged.

The Committee recommended to Grand Chapter that three chain collars and jewels be purchased for the use of the Three Grand Principals, at a cost not exceeding thirty pounds.

The Committee also "decided" that a banquet should follow the "Grand Annual Festival" and as the price of the ticket was limited to two shillings and six pence, the hilarity it is presumed was also limited. •

There is nothing in the pamphlet to indicate the strength of this Grand Chapter in subordinates or membership. The balance in the treasury is £165.7.10.

Thos. Lambert, Grand Z.

John Braim, Melbourne, Grand Scribe E.

Virginia

Chapters 51. Members . . 4,100.

With advancing years, "Ole Virginny" is not losing to any alarming extent. On its Ninety-seventh anniversary it boasts a proud record. Five new Chapters and a gain of 373 in membership. No wonder that Grand High Priest Edward Smith Conrad was pleased and that to his Companions at Richmond on November 8th, 1904, he announced that the year had been "a pleasant and a busy one."

"In addition to the unusual number of appointments which were made, I have written over three hundred letters; passed on numerous questions of Masonic law; granted twelve dispensations to receive and ballot on applications without waiting the statutory period and refused a number of others; granted dispensations to open five new Chapters; had three Chapters installed, to which charters were granted at your last Grand Convocation; examined, approved and amended By-Laws for four Chapters; visited 11 Chapters, attended one of the Schools of Instruction, and assisted at opening of the new Front Royal Chapter."

M.E. Companion Samuel M. Bowman, one of the oldest of Virginia's Past Grand High Priests had been taken in the previous October. He had been an active Mason since 1838, and in days gone by was a perfect ritualist and a close student of the Craft.

The Grand High Priest made a special appeal on behalf of the "Masonic Home," suggesting that every Chapter devote \$3. from each exaltation which would give an aggregate of \$1000 in the year. Like seed of similar value, it takes time to root with effect

He acknowledged the invitation to "Stadacona's" celebration in Quebec and would have written Virginia's Grand Representative, requesting him to attend, but as the time for the celebration would be after his retirement from office, he thought it best to leave that to his successor.

During the month of February, being in Philadelphia he visited Jerusalem H. R. A. Chapter, No. 3, and was received with appropriate honors as the Grand High Priest

of Virginia and enjoyed a hearty welcome. This Chapter, he added, claims to be the oldest in the United States.

The Grand Lecturer's report was fairly indicative not only of close attention on his part, but also of those whom he labored to instruct. He dispensed light and knowledge throughout the State with gratifying success.

Grand Secretary Blanks was congratulated on his recovery from protracted illness and he was reimbursed for the clerical assistance he was compelled to employ.

Ex-Companion E. L. Guy representing Canada was among those welcomed and honored.

The Committee approved the recommendation that hereafter each retiring Grand High Priest be presented by Grand Chapter with a Past Grand High Priest's Jewel to cost not less than seventy-five dollars, and further recommended that such a jewel be presented to M.E. Companion Ed. S. Conrad, as soon as it can be prepared; also, that hereafter similar jewels be presented to each of the twenty surviving Past Grand High Priests, of whom Grand Lecturer Hubbard "was one of which". In his case a request was made by the Grand Council of Anointed High Priests of Virginia, that the Council be permitted to expend the sum of fifty dollars in embellishing said jewel.

The Danville Chapter invited the Grand body to hold its next Convocation there, a request that was graciously declined, "as it is not deemed expedient that this body shall become migratory."

Western Australia's request for recognition was duly considered, and it was unanimously resolved to fraternally recognize said Grand Chapter, and the Grand Secretary was directed to so notify it, and request an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Companion Nesbitt's review of the Grand Chapters is very largely extract. Some of them had paid tribute to Grand Lecturer Hubbard's efforts to keep the "boys will

be boys" element out of the working and which so frequently finds a vent in the Past Master degree:

"Yet this correspondent regretfully records the fact that even Companion Hubard has not been able to stop that "horse-play and ceremonial murder" in this State."

Canada for 1903 receives his courteous attention to the extent of a couple of pages.

Sol. Louis Bloomberg, Richmond, Grand High Priest.

Jas. B. Blanks, Petersburg, Grand Secretary.

Washington

Chapters . . 26.

Members . . 2,024.

The Twenty-first Annual Convocation was held at Bellingham on the 19th and 20th June, 1905 Grand High Priest Nathan S. Porter in the chair. Three Chapters were unrepresented.

The Most Excellent, by way of a fitting prelude to a dissertation on the Capitular degrees, made a few remarks reminding the Companions of what "Masonic teaching" had done for them in the past.

"The act of overcoming evil with good, and proclaiming toleration and independent conception of right, maintaining civil and religious liberty, and spreading broadcast the desirable results of progress, is ours.

"The master minds that led the embryo republic through the dark and disastrous revolutionary struggle; he who wielded the mighty pen that drafted the Declaration of Independence; the statesmen who pledged their lives and fortunes to secure to us the sacred rights we enjoy; the sagacity and disinterestedness of those who managed our national affairs during the time of our greatest needs, as well as the tried and trusty few who, goaded on by the unjust exactions of the mother country, converted Boston Harbor into a mammoth tea-pot, were actuated by the spirit of equality and a keen sense of justice—the result of Masonic teaching."

Masonry therefore was not imported from "the mother country" in vain. Unlike the "souchong" it came in "free" and according to the above, became a taxless factor in disseminating "dark and disastrous revolution." Who'd

ha' thought it? He doesn't hold with those who claim that the symbolic degrees comprise it all, and here is how he puts it.

"If a keystone to an arch was lost, the arch would not be complete without it; and a substitute, to be effective, must be a keystone and nothing else. The substitute for that which was lost was adopted to endure only "till future generations should find out the right." Have succeeding generations found out the right? If so, the substitute is no longer of value, and the Chapter which gives to its votaries that which was lost is as much the home or school of Masonry as the 'Blue Lodge.'"

When is a Mark Master not a Mark Master? He elucidates the problem by a reference to the General Grand, although the mandates of that august body are not always copied by Washington. They come in handy, however, now and then, especially when a convenient weapon is needed to belabour the wandering foreigner.

"A young Scotchman has taken the Mark Master's degree in Scotland, where it is apparently given in the Lodge with the symbolic degrees. His diploma is by authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Is he entitled to a seat in our Chapter when working in the Mark Master's Degree?"

Answer—No. The Digest of Decisions of the General Grand Chapter, Title: Degree; Subdivision 2, uses the following language:

"A foreign Companion not in possession of all the degrees as practiced in the United States is not allowed to visit a Chapter."

Wonder what they'd do with an English Mark Master whose qualification doesn't have even the symbolic lodge diploma to support him, to say nothing of the Chapter? Shutting the door on him would hardly suffice.

In conclusion he expressed regret at inability to visit the Chapters in his jurisdiction during his incumbency.

All was peace in Washington and the Grievances Committee had nothing to do.

A committee was appointed to select a Monitor in accordance with the General Grand Chapter ritual and upon the report of the committee being received

and endorsed by the M. E. Grand High Priest it shall be adopted as the official Monitor.

In compliance with our request, Grand Secretary Blalock furnishes the long sought information that explains in part, the exacting of a fee from visiting Companions by a Washington Chapter for communicating a missing degree in order to qualify them to enter a Chapter in that State. He quoted our query in full and says.

"We will say that we overlooked that item, but state we are within our rights to make charge for conferring those degrees."

He then reproduces a page of the General Grand Chapter Constitution, in the section defining its powers, why, he does not say. General Grand Chapter's position in the matter was never questioned. He then gives that body's regulation touching foreign visiting Companions, the identical section we referred to as being worthy of emulation by Washington,

"Chapters in this jurisdiction are authorized to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, on any worthy companion from without this jurisdiction, who may present himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produce satisfactory evidence of having received that degree, to the end that he may be healed and thereby become a regular Royal Arch Mason, FREE OF CHARGE. For conferring said degrees, in such cases, Chapters shall be exempt from paying any dues."

He follows that by contributing the article from Washington's Constitution defining the powers of Grand Chapter which, in its provisions, is orthodox and lastly comes to the crux of the complaint by reproducing section 9, of the "By-laws of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Washington:"

"*Who shall be admitted.* No Royal Arch Mason shall be admitted into a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons under this jurisdiction as a member or visitor, unless he shall have received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Mason, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master. This includes persons not only of foreign jurisdiction in this country, but of jurisdiction beyond the seas, whatever may be their rules or practice. *Provided*, That any Royal Arch Mason hailing from the jurisdiction of any Grand Royal Arch Chapter recognized by this Grand Chapter, presenting himself either as a visitor or by petition for affiliation without having received the intermediate

degrees, may have the said degrees conferred by the unanimous vote of the Chapter to which such application is made, upon payment of one half the required fee, *or by courtesy*, as the Chapter may elect."

Winding up with the following eminently characteristic query:

"We would respectfully ask Comp. Bennett if he has enough law, or does he still think we are transgressing them?"

Enough? Why, dear Companion, the most insatiable glutton in that respect, might travel the universe unappeased and his craving would be satisfied in Washington.

Transgressing? Perish the thought. To think so, would be to accuse Washington of being blind to the golden opportunities which its singular laws furnish.

Section No. 9 is very comprehensive. It is also elastic. It provides the alternative of *courtesy* where a fee is not asked. The Washington Chapter which decided upon admitting a Canadian Companion apparently saw no profit in courtesy and took the business end of the proposition secure in the protecting arm of Washington's law. When courtesy interferes with business then courtesy can go to—the place reserved for lost arts.

The mere contemplation of the possibilities which that alternative creates is bewildering. Being a border State the chances of two or more "foreigners" looming up as visitors is not expecting over much. One of them perhaps is sour visaged and morose. He is made to "cough up." Another happens to be a merry wight and of course, is greeted with smiling "courtesy." Later, they compare notes.—Tableau.

A very panorama of complications could thus be depicted, but, while the disclosure might afford amusement, it also has its serious features. The exacting a fee is bad enough in itself, but standing alone it has some pretensions to a claim. It is right or it is wrong. To be able, legally, to bracket it with, or rather to substitute "the glad hand" imparts to the situation an aspect of ludicrous absurdity.

Seriously, however, Washington's law, which permits the course complained of, may afford supreme satisfaction to its authors, as it apparently does to our Companion Blalock, but we will venture the opinion that among the jurisdictions of the continent it stands almost alone in this regard. Indeed we would be sadly surprised if two Grand Chapters were found that would thus wilfully violate a comity recognized in the Capitular family the world over. The Past Master degree was eliminated from Canada's system ten or more years ago, but in no jurisdiction under the blue canopy covering the Western hemisphere has a Canadian Royal Arch Companion ever since been refused the right of free admission to a Chapter upon his accepting that qualifying degree, until he encountered Washington's demand. The recognized amenities peculiar to Masonry have ever and always been respected and observed except, as we believe, in this instance, and the breach of them is all the more cause for regret from the fact that the jurisdictions are adjoining neighbours and should be especially close and cordial in their relations. Companion Blalock has been good enough to give us Washington's law. We herewith subjoin Canada's for comparison and which we believe to be in line with that of the other Grand Chapters except his, and as it certainly is with that of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

“When any Companion from without the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada presents himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produces satisfactory proof of his having been exalted to that degree, each and every Chapter shall have liberty to and may confer the degree of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master on such Companion who has not heretofore received them, free of charge, except a fee (in event of affiliation) to Grand Chapter for registry and certificate.” *Constitution, Grand Chapter R. A. Masons of Canada. Sec. 96.*

A Royal Arch Mason, provided he comes under the tongue of good report, is a Royal Arch Mason no matter what may be the preliminary qualifications decided upon by the recognized jurisdiction he hails from or desires to visit. As such, he is greeted and welcomed in Canada and whether his credentials are endorsed at Walla Walla or Timbuctoo he is made to feel at home and to realize that the Companionship he claims is his right, that neither

distance nor country affects it and that he is in truth one in a fraternity that, among its accredited members, knows no dividing line geographical or legal.

Companion Blalock's curt rejoinder to a very natural desire for information would lead to the inference that he not only resents the questioning of Washington's action but that he supports that action as an individual. His attitude, as expressed, may be open to comment, but just now it does not occasion any emotional concern. The exaction of a fee, much or little, from a visiting Companion may not be a transgression, according to the law of Washington, but we would respectfully suggest that there exists a law, unwritten, yet sacred, that in the eyes of a universal brotherhood holds a more exalted and permanent place than the ill advised enactment he attempts to justify and the transgression of which is of serious import.

Washington has just passed its twenty-first birthday and we congratulate the young jurisdiction upon reaching its maturity. Its progress has been as much a source of satisfaction to us as to its sister Grand Chapters across that "invisible" border line. Its repudiation of the Grand Representative system we regretted for comity reasons only, but that, like its regulations for internal government, was its own affair and for an outsider to venture an opinion on either would be an unwarrantable impertinence. It is only where a shaft affecting the outside is aimed, as in this instance, that outside criticism is justified. We trust that the matter will receive from Washington's good sense the reconsideration it merits.

We have stayed with Companion Blalock longer than was intended but his sunny seductive ways were too much for our weak and pliant disposition. Besides our Canadian Companions, who are so much nearer to Washington than to their own headquarters, are in need of information and it was rather to afford them an opportunity of becoming acquainted with the actual condition of affairs, than to intrude upon our good Companion's time unnecessarily, that we have risked wearing out our

welcome. We have yet to acquire the happy knack of disposing of knotty questions in a two line paragraph. Assuring him of fraternal affection for which we ask no *quid pro quo*, except it be in the same commodity, we will conclude with—*au revoir*.

Otis A. Crampton, Tacoma, Grand High Priest.

Yancey C. Blalock, Walla Walla, Grand Secretary.

Western Australia

Chapters . . 8.

Members. . . 283.

This is the very latest thing in Grand Chapters seeking recognition from the Capitular world. The application has not yet reached this portion of it but whenever it does it will probably receive the consideration it apparently deserves. The organization completed its first year of existence in August last, and the pamphlet containing the proceedings of the "Grand Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Western Australia held at the Freemasons' Hall, Hay Street, Perth," on the 29th of that month is an interesting document.

Committee meetings held at intervals preceding the Convocation dealt with business matters. On the 4th May it was resolved,

"That the Rituals should only be issued through the various Chapters on the order of the First Principal for the time being, trusting to him to see that they only pass into worthy hands."

"The price of the Rituals was fixed at 7s. 6d. each."

"The price of the Book of Constitutions was fixed at 2s. 6d. each."

"It was decided that the forms of Installation of the Principals of a Chapter should only be issued to Past and Sitting First Principals and that the price should be 5s. each."

"A letter was read from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia according recognition."

New Zealand had on a prior occasion smiled upon the new venture and now named a representative.

A petition for a new Chapter was received, and although it was only a Committee meeting, a charter was granted and the Grand Scribe E. directed to look after the consecration ceremony, expenses being guaranteed.

To the Committee a fortnight later it was reported, that certain Companions who had been rejected in the Western Australian Chapter had within a few weeks been elected in the Perth Chapter. But the First Principal of the latter was on hand to explain that the rejection was on some point as to the regularity in the ballot rather than any personal objection. The explanation was accepted.

In July the Committee heard M. E. Companion Rev. D. I. Freedman who reported that on his visit to Edinburgh lately he took the opportunity of interviewing G. S. E. of the Grand Chapter of Scotland at which interview the Deputy Grand Z. was also present, and placing before him circumstances leading to the formation of this Grand Chapter, that both Comps. seemed impressed with what he said, and that the Deputy Grand Z. stated that if the several Scotch Chapters, after reading the circular letter issued by Scotland, passed resolutions confirming their action in joining the new Grand Chapter, he would consider a fresh position was created, and would be prepared to reconsider the question of recognition.

And this is what the Chapters apparently did, and now it is up to Scotland to reconsider. As it is Scotland's attitude which mainly occasions the hesitancy on the part of American Grand Chapters, its further action will be watched with interest.

The First Grand Principal's address at the Grand Convocation was distinctly optimistic. The Grand Chapters of all the sister States of the Commonwealth (with the exception of Victoria) and of New Zealand had accorded fraternal recognition, and he entertained hopes of an amicable understanding being come to with the Grand Chapter of Scotland, the mother of six of the seven Chapters that formed the new Grand Chapter. He understood that the Grand Chapter of England has

deferred granting recognition until the matter has been fully considered and finally decided by the Grand Chapter of Scotland. This information he gathered from the English Masonic press; having had no official notification either to that or any other effect.

"I regret to say that our correspondence with the Grand Chapter of England has met with a persistent silence, and we have not even been accorded the courtesy of a formal acknowledgement of the receipt of our communications."

That touches a sympathetic chord. There is a ring of "old times" about it that recalls incidents of the long ago, when we too—, but there, why hark back to matters long forgotten? England is England still. "As it was in the beginning, is now," etc.

It was the Committee that selected and decided the office bearers, among them were a number of "M. Em." Companions as also "M.Ex." ditto.

Michael Samson, Fremantle, First Grand Principal.

Horace B. Joseph, Perth, Grand Scribe E.

West Virginia

Chapters . . 29.

Members . . 3,127,

"All has been peace, happiness and prosperity within our borders. Had it not been for the Angel of Death, who invaded our ranks and removed from labor to refreshment some of our dearly beloved Companions, we would not have anything to mar our joys."

And as the M.E. Grand High Priest intimated, death's ruthless hand fell heavily on the jurisdiction when it took Grand Secretary Robert Carter Dunnington.

"A Mason true and good,
Sincere in friendship, ready in relief,
Discreet in trusts, faithful in Brotherhood,
Gentle in sympathy, kind in grief."

Past Grand Scribe Henderson M. Bell and Past Grand High Priest Judge W. H. Flick were also among those mourned at the Annual Convocation held at Clarksburg on the 15th November, 1904.

Companion Charles M. Lamar in the capacity of chief ruler had a comparatively easy year as indicated by his address. His official acts as enumerated were few, and to the outsider uninteresting.

"On the subject of visitations I have nothing to report beyond my own Chapter, and am of the same opinion of my predecessor that the Grand Lecturer should make the most of the visits, for the reason that he is generally more proficient in the work and can be of more benefit to the Chapters visited."

And yet considerable headway was made during the year and a substantial gain recorded, probably due to the Grand Lecturer and others, although that officer accounts for only four visits.

Canada's representative was not among the envoys received with Grand honors.

The Grand High Priest for his eminent services was voted a jewel.

Companion John D. Baines is the new member of the guild and he contributes a review of the Grand Chapters which, as the Grand Secretary announced, was completed under exceptional difficulty for which indeed he has our sincere sympathy. Sickness and death in the home are not incentives to labour that calls for a tranquil mind, yet the work is one of great merit, though he refrains from comment. That he is capable of much in that line is demonstrated by his very thoughtful and instructive paper at the close on the position of West Virginia in relation to the General Grand Chapter and which probably furnishes his Companions for the first time with a direct exposition of the existing conditions. This as well as his concluding "Remarks" we perused with no little interest and trust in the coming year to be as agreeably entertained by his able pen. Meantime if our humble greeting be at all acceptable, we beg to offer it with the earnest fraternal hope that time may heal the recent wound.

Hiram R. Howard, Point Pleasant, Grand High Priest.

D. K. Reed, Clarksburg, Grand Secretary.

Wisconsin

Chapters .. 77.

Members .. 7,353.

This Grand Chapter makes a fine showing for its fifty-five years of existence. Two hundred was the recorded net gain for the last year and the indicator pointed to further progress.

Franklin P. Ainsworth, Grand High Priest, presided over the annual Convocation at Milwaukee on February 21st, 1905.

The Grand Chapter lost during the year two of its permanent members, Past Grand High Priest Oliver Libbey, and Past Grand King Ira A. Hill.

The surrender of a charter by a Chapter which at the time possessed a membership of 32, occasioned the G.H.P. some surprise and he pertinently remarked :

"The future growth of the territory to be occupied by the new Chapter, should also be considered. Large communities are sometimes built up around large lumber manufacturing plants; when the plant goes out, the community suffers, and if there has been a Chapter instituted, it also suffers. Permanency of population should be considered as one of the conditions to insure a good Chapter."

Through protracted illness the Grand Lecturer was unable to perform his allotted task. In the previous term he had visited every Chapter, spending a good deal of time and money in performing his duty. He expended about \$200.00 more than he received from Grand Chapter and the Grand High Priest recommended reimbursement of the amount. He also recommended the remission of dues in the case of two Chapters which were victims of fire.

He deprecated the method adopted by some Chapters in summonsing members.

"While the use of post cards for summonsing members may not be unmasonic I do not believe their use for this purpose is business-like. Let us not take outsiders into our confidence in any degree, and I would suggest that all summonses be mailed under cover, and that newspaper notices be avoided."

Interesting reports were presented by the Grand Secretary and other officers.

The Committee on Visitors regretted to report that this, the fifty-fifth session, was not honored by the presence of any visitors.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to procure for Grand Chapter a set of aprons for Grand officers and 150 Royal Arch Aprons.

It was gratifying to note that M.E. Companion W. C. Swain was sufficiently recovered not only to attend Grand Chapter, but to prepare his usual welcome contribution to the appendices.

"We give you our twenty-second annual report. Last year we 'bit off' at Oregon, for reasons the Grand Secretary then explained to you. This year we hope to give you all there is."

Canada for 1904 is kindly treated and he compliments the writer by liberal quotation.

Wm. E. Schwahn, Eau Claire, Grand High Priest.

Wm. W. Perry, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

Conclusion

The continued progress and remarkable strength of the Royal Craft in all sections of this great half world must be apparent to even the casual observer, while the pleasing absence of disturbing elements is as marked during the period now closing as it was in the former year. New subjects for discussion are rare and the old are either worn threadbare or are resurrected only to be laid away again with a benison. One or two may, perhaps, be of some concern near home.

WHY IT EXISTS.

The Past Master degree comes to the surface occasionally to breathe. Sometimes, it is to emit an ejaculation of disgust at being permitted to exist and again, it is a prayer for an early and sudden demise with befitting obsequies. It will, however, live out its fitful and unhappy life. Annihilation would indeed be difficult of accomplishment inasmuch as it is one with the

others in the United States fundamental structure. It is significant, however, that in numerous instances, the example of the General Grand Chapter has been copied and the degree, as a Capitular unit, confined solely to the briefest possible mode of communication. In fact it is now a degree in name only, and, ceremonially speaking, may reasonably be considered among the 'has beens.'

DEPENDENT MEMBERSHIP.

The "doctrine" of dependent membership which with many of the jurisdictions has, unhappily, crystallized into a regulation, is also a spasmodic topic, giving rise to varied opinion. The Masonic student of the old school, of which the late Companion Drummond of Maine may be cited as a notable type, was uncompromisingly averse to its introduction as being diametrically opposed to, and subversive of, "ancient usage and established custom," a dangerous modernism assisting to furnish an opening for the wedge of further, and equally menacing, innovations. The specious arguments brought forward to support it are so fragile and transparent that they defeat themselves. It is, to our view, a concession to present day expediency at the costly sacrifice of a vital Masonic principle. The *free will* with which a man enters the Craft, dependent membership robs him of. It nullifies what should be the inalienable right of a brother to "unaffiliation with good standing" handed down to us by the fathers who loyally regarded that privilege as an unassailable landmark.

"Our fathers in a wondrous age,
Ere yet the earth was small,
Ensured to us an heritage,
And doubted not at all
That we, the children of their heart,
Which then did beat so high,
In later time should play like part
For our posterity."

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"Dear bought and clear, a thousand year
Our fathers' title runs ;
Make we likewise their sacrifice,
Defrauding not our sons !"

The "fad," as some writers term it, would never have been heard of had the Craft, pure and simple, been permitted its existence without attachments. The completion of the Master Mason's knowledge is the end and "climax of Masonry" but, alas, it was not to be the end of ambition. There were other heights to surmount and other objects to be attained; glittering objects, which must be fostered in order to satisfy the appetite for display and inordinate vanity and, to ensure them life and sustenance, they were anchored to the Masonic fabric, though not of it. To-day they are in a position to claim "squatters' rights" and are popularly known as "high degrees," Masonry receiving from the uninformed the full credit, though they have as much claim to the alliance, outside their own "pre-requisites," as has the Ancient Plutonic Order of Pyrologists or kindred lurid organizations.

It is to these things, claiming to be Masonic, not to Masonic bodies of lineal kinship, that we are indebted for the objectionable feature referred to. With a magnanimity of singular and peculiar rarity and an equally choice brand of special disinterestedness, they originated dependent membership and lauded its "heal all" qualities to so high an altitude that many, otherwise sensible brethren, were caught by the epidemic, and Masonry proper is now the afflicted victim.

Companion Hodson of Oregon, himself a 'dependent,' puts the thing in a nutshell and the aim, end and *value* of dependent membership may be gathered from his exposition.

"We, as Royal Arch Masons, *are going to make him* maintain his good standing as a Master Mason; as Knights Templar, *we will make him* maintain his good standing as a Royal Arch Mason, or he shall not wear our nice plumes, sit at the head of our banquet table, nor sport large and costly watch charms indicative of his "high degree" Masonry; and that, if you remember, is what is called "dependent membership," we presume, because it depends on whether he will do it or not."

It is related of a busy thoroughfare in an old country inland town during a former war scare, that a

crowd had collected about a number of red-coated soldiers who were demonstratively expostulating with an athletic young country yokel whose desire to abandon their acquaintance was palpably evident. Not understanding the commotion, a stranger appealed for explanation to an old laborer of Hibernian extraction who replied "Sure its nothin' at all sir, they're only forcin' a man to volunteer."

COMPANIONSHIP PRIVILEGES,

A Canadian query on the action of a Chapter in the State of Washington in demanding a fee from a visiting Royal Arch Companion for communicating to him the Past Master degree in order to qualify him to visit the Chapter, has elicited the information that the Grand Chapter of that State has legislated to that end, but in such a peculiar manner that the onus of the action is, in a measure, thrown upon the subordinate body. In a word, it authorizes its Chapters in such cases, either to exact a fee or communicate the degree *as an act of courtesy*, thus leaving it to the Chapter to do as the members may decide.

Personal comment on this extraordinary procedure has been expressed elsewhere but one may venture a doubt, when addressing a large constituency, whether such a course would be regarded otherwise than as prolific of trouble. Of the writers who, to the present, have touched upon the matter, not one has endorsed the action which is variously characterized as "discourteous," "illegal" or, probably facetiously, "a peculiar graft."

The Vermont critic remarked, that any such manifestation by a Chapter in that jurisdiction "would subject the body to a rigid investigation at once, with a lesson or two in the exercise of fraternal amenities." He was not aware that it would later transpire that the Grand body was behind that manifestation. Blame, therefore, could not attach to the "obedient" subordinate for its ignorance, or repudiation, of fraternal amenities, while the superior body, secure in the possession of "sovereign" rights and authority, is in a position to maintain its attitude and in the event of an objectionable signal, can, like a famous admiral of old, put the glass to its blind eye.

It is only a brief year or two since that enthusiastic Mason and Templar, the Earl of Euston, accompanied by some of his English colleagues, fraternally visited the Pacific Coast and received such a cordial greeting and truly Masonic welcome that the incident is yet green and fruitful as a pleasing topic in the old land. If they, as Royal Arch Masons from England, and, of course, not in possession of the Past Master or Most Excellent Master degrees of the United States Capitular system, desired then to visit a Chapter, say in Washington, would they have been dealt with as was the Companion from Canada or would the optional "courtesy" have been tendered?

The Ohio opinion on the incident expresses what one would reasonably imagine to be the general interpretation.

"We do not have at hand a copy of the Washington constitution and by-laws, but we feel safe in saying that there is a misunderstanding regarding this matter. A Royal Arch Mason, made such in a jurisdiction that does not recognize the Past Master's degree, must be 'healed' before visiting a Chapter in the United States, but the healing is short and quickly accomplished and is done without the hope of fee or reward; in fact, it could not be otherwise. The payment of a fee implies the presentation of a formal petition, and such petition could not be received by the Chapter to be visited."

Washington, however, has demonstrated that "it *could* be otherwise." Whether it will elect to abide by its decision in the face of such adverse criticism and in plain opposition to the spirit of fraternity, remains to be seen. Its continuance cannot hurt this or other jurisdictions similarly situated, and it is doubtful whether it will add to its own respect and dignity, but it grievously chafes and wounds an essential principle that should be conserved and safeguarded by governing bodies of the Royal Craft the world over.

Was 'Rob' Morris harassed by visions of national boundary lines or "foreign jurisdiction beyond the sea" when he wrote "Hands round ye Royal Craftsmen in

the bright fraternal chain." Or did he mean his lines to apply to that fraternity embraced within the limits of the United States? We doubt it

We doubt it the more when we listen to thrilling oratorical flights at Masonic love feasts, now on this, now on the other side of the border;—that border which, at such times and on such occasions, is of course, utterly obliterated.

It is then that the beautiful sentiment which inspired the Craft laureate in the past, permeates the assembly of the present and nothing is observable but—the chain, "the bright fraternal chain." The tinkling pendants which visitor or host may have selected for individual taste and adornment, are not regarded, only—the chain.

Then we scatter, and in our own 'four by two' claim it is the miserable trinket that appeals to our selfishness or our pride; we give it attention because of its local significance and at the first opportunity—forgetting the chain—we drop to the level of the petty trifle and become like it—small.

Poor, weak, vain humanity. Not even the heaven born precepts of Freemasonry can conceal its defects. Do what we may, the earthy evil in our wretched, lowly composition will reveal the tell tale blemish and proclaim to the censorious, but equally blame-worthy, that "man by nature is the child of ignorance and error."

But what if he is? Man would rather confess to the grim fact than be accused of it by his brother, hence he will maintain and jealously defend, the most outrageous inconsistency in order to be considered *persona grata* within his own little sphere.

Our open professions of devotion to the Craft may be very well in the hearing, but to live up to them requires a cognizance capable of embracing more than the comparatively obscure territory in which circumstances happen to locate us. To live our life, as the teachings of Freemasonry would have us live it, we must broaden

heart and mind to enable us to reach out beyond the 'two acres and a cow' that, to our contracted vision, comprise the universe.

It is, to many of us, a melancholy pleasure to peruse the biographies of departed Companions who have served the Craft in some leading capacity and to note with what stress their pre-eminent qualities are impressed upon the reader by those appointed to collate the facts and prepare the obituary. The sorrow we feel at their loss is intensified after listening to, or reading, the eloquent chronicle. It reveals the brother in a hitherto unknown light and there is more, than passing regret that we only discover his real worth when it is all too late.

The verses of an author unknown to us, recur just here as apropos, and at the risk of being considered prolix we venture their reproduction ;

"So he dies for his faith. That is fine — more than
 most of us do.
 But say, can you add to that line that he lived
 for it too ?
 In his death he bore witness at last as a martyr to
 truth.
 Did his life do the same in the past from the days
 of his youth ?
 It is easy to die. Men have died for a wish or a
 whim —
 From bravado or passion or pride. Was it harder
 for him ?
 But to live — every day to live out all the truth
 that he dreamt,
 While his friends met his conduct with doubt and
 the world with contempt.
 Was it thus that he plodded ahead, never turning
 aside ?
 Then we'll talk of the life that he led, never mind
 how he died."

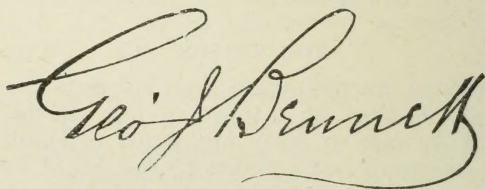
THE REASON WHY.

We have touched upon these subjects simply for the reason that they, to a more or less extent, touch us, and not because we have any desire to emulate certain of the accomplished pundits of the guild who grapple topical matters with a broader and less selfish object. Theirs is the labour born of the ability and inclination

to enlighten the Craft generally, ours an imperfect effort to convey to Canadian Companions in particular, some idea of the existing situation with regard to matters in which they are directly interested. Under no other circumstances would we venture into the realm of lengthy elucidation, being fully sensible of our shortcomings in that respect and equally sensitive as to their reception.

In this connection we are free to confess that the delicate susceptibility is not peculiar to ourselves, hence a desire to descend occasionally from the sublime may frequently be construed into flippancy or something more severe, when such is not intended. The Milesian temperament is characteristically erratic and the impulse is strong to seize an opportunity for a passing pleasantry. It sometimes happens, however, that an inadvertant pressure on a favorite corn is not so interpreted and the joker is apt to be misunderstood. The patient reader, who is disposed to resent irrelevancy of that nature, is hereby requested to tolerate it in the Pickwickian sense in which it is really presented and to understand that this shadowy glimpse of a faulty interior is revealed with a view to explanation rather than apology, especially in view of the possibility that another may, in the future, assume the pleasant duty which we are now, for this year, bringing to a close. While expressing our views with conviction we, at the same time, earnestly desire to do so with fraternal courtesy and now respectfully beg to present the foregoing report with the humble hope that its errors and frailties may be charitably concealed.

Fraternally submitted,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Geo. J. Bunch". The signature is written in dark ink and features a prominent, sweeping flourish at the end.

Chairman.

CAPITULAR STATISTICS

As Compiled by Companion Herbert Harris, Maine.

GRAND CHAPTER	Chapters.	Members.	Exaltations.	Admissions & Restorations.	Dimissions.	Expulsions.	Suspensions.	Sus. for Non- pay t dues.	Deaths.
Alabama, 1904,.....	48	2,032	299	86	50	0	1	48	27
Arizona, 1904,.....	7	433	37	9	7	1	0	13	11
Arkansas, 1904,.....	70	2,506	337	59	34	0	3	32	46
California, 1904,.....	77	8,084	967	164	101	0	....	83	143
*Canada, 1905,.....	107	8,991	1,364	255	157	0	....	110	87
Colorado, 1904,.....	36	3,201	196	64	53	0	....	33	47
Connecticut, 1904,...	40	6,725	473	23	31	0	....	35	125
Delaware, 1905,.....	4	840	47	2	5	0	....	11	14
Dist. of Columb., 1905	12	3,154	201	47	35	0	1	39	61
Florida, 1904,.....	25	1,080	160	69	35	0	....	11	25
Georgia, 1904,.....	117	4,807	237	121	131	0	....	83	57
Illinois, 1904,.....	187	21,581	1,768	228	253	2	....	232	333
Indiana, 1904,.....	106	9,401	1,110	150	155	6	1	74	151
Ind'n Territory, 1904	42	1,818	304	43	59	1	....	47	15
Iowa, 1904,.....	127	9,409	764	198	242	1	69	157	125
Kansas, 1904,.....	81	6,010	439	106	141	0	17	72	82
Kentucky, 1904,.....	88	5,107	635	83	95	2	....	103	60
Louisiana, 1905,.....	24	1,845	190	27	18	1	....	20	26
Maine, 1905,.....	59	8,021	553	28	57	1	1	66	139
Maryland, 1904,.....	21	2,464	165	14	22	0	....	15	57
Massachusetts, 1903,	76	17,530	1,080	40	119	0	....	128	281
Michigan, 1905,.....	139	16,467	1,056	128	146	1	....	129	230
Minnesota, 1904,....	69	6,091	405	97	114	0	0	53	68
Mississippi, 1904,....	69	2,660	300	64	79	0	0	59	37
Missouri, 1905,.....	100	9,360	694	216	208	0	....	202	143
Montana, 1903,.....	16	1,031	103	24	25	0	0	12	16
Nebraska, 1904,.....	54	3,531	267	51	55	3	....	35	28
Nevada, 1904,.....	7	326	14	4	3	1	0	3	6
New Brunswick, 1904	9	501	32	0	4	0	....	4	11
New Hampsh., 1904,	25	3,780	156	169	32	1	0	48	80
New Jersey, 1904,...	37	4,225	361	77	28	0	....	68	71
New Mexico, 1904,...	10	563	51	5	10	0	....	3	9
New York, 1905,....	201	27,956	2,282	283	228	7	0	492	456
North Carolina, 1904	22	1,180	205	59	33	0	3	10	16
North Dakota, 1904,.	15	1,334	127	23	38	0	....	25	11
Nova Scotia, 1904,...	15	841	98	7	22	0	....	14	12
Ohio, 1904,.....	159	20,974	1,937	442	247	7	0	361	317
Oregon, 1904,.....	26	2,000	208	28	22	0	1	9	30
Pennsylvania, 1904,.	125	22,676	1,959	170	222	....	....	147	360
Quebec, 1904,.....	11	836	115	10	16	0	....	11	7
Rhode Island, 1904,.	10	3,056	189	3	7	0	....	1	43
South Carolina, 1904,	22	1,059	181	38	26	0	0	21	8
South Dakota, 1904,.	29	1,886	133	32	29	0	....	16	18
Tennessee, 1905,.....	71	3,430	367	69	78	0	3	47	43
Texas, 1904,.....	177	9,699	1,174	229	333	7	....	66	126
Vermont, 1904,.....	28	3,452	200	17	22	0	....	5	73
Virginia, 1904,.....	49	4,100	428	127	102	0	4	28	48
Washington, 1904,...	24	1,946	149	55	32	0	....	24	19
West Virginia, 1904,.	29	3,127	365	33	27	0	....	32	32
Wisconsin, 1905,...	78	7,353	441	74	103	1	0	73	108
Gnl. G. Chapter, 1903	21	1,452	323	81	82	4	58	46
	3,118	291,931	25,646	4,431	4,173	47	104	3,468	4,384

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